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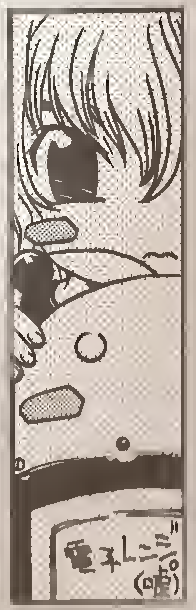
Story So Far...

A young girl named Rahzel with magical abilities is abruptly sent off to see the world by her father. At first she is alone on her journey, until she meets Alzeid, a mysterious lone traveler who has abilities similar to hers. He is on a mission to find his father's killer, and even though they initially don't get along, the two become travel partners, helping the downtrodden and righting wrongs (for the most amount of cash, of course).

Things were actually going well, until they crossed paths with Soresta and Baroqueheat, two old friends of Alzeid's who are escorting a young boy named Vincent. Rahzel suspects that they are hiding something, and after professional hit men attack her and Vincent, she declares her distrust of them all.

Her feelings are further validated when Soresta and Baroqueheat kidnap Vincent and Rahzel in a last-ditch attempt to try to force Alzeid to join them. Soresta challenges Alzeid to a fight, and Alzeid, in the course of protecting Rahzel, kills Soresta. In another shocking turn of events, Vincent turns out to be the brother of the real Vincent. (he assumed Vincent's identity in order to seek revenge on the real Vincent's father.) Baroqueheat decides to join Rahzel and Alzeid on their journey, though Rahzel still feels guilty about Sorestas death. However, Alzeid's and Baroqueheat's bond to her strengthens as their journey continues.

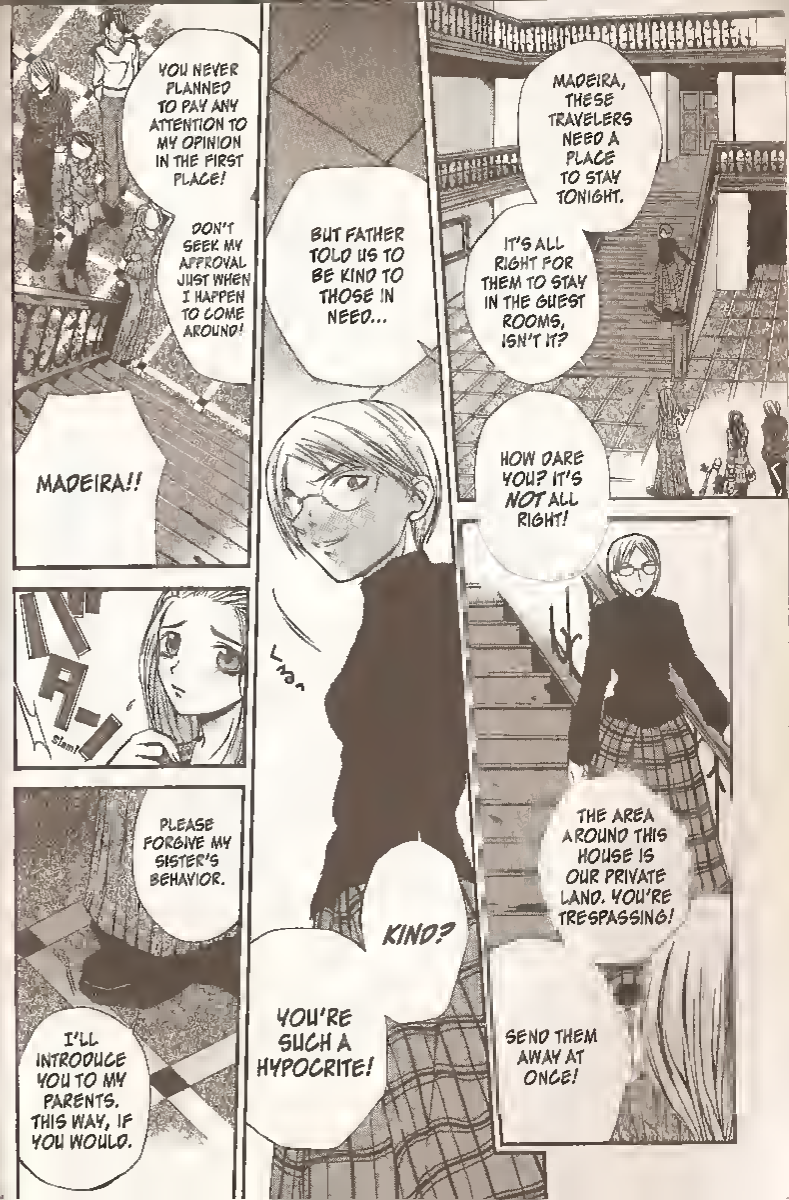
I LOVE THE NIGHT SKY DURING THE WINTER...
DON'T ALL GIRLS SAY THE EXACT SAME THING?
THE MOON AND STARS LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL!
OF COURSE!
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL?
HEY, RAHZEL! ALZEID!
BUT I ONLY WANT TO LOOK UP AT IT FROM INSIDE A WARM, COZY ROOM!! CAMPING WHEN IT'S FREEZING OUT IS NOT MY IDEA OF A GOOD TIME!
WANT SOME COFFEE?
TEA! MAKE IT STRONG AND PUT SOME MILK IN IT!
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?! STAND UP FOR MY HUMAN RIGHTS!
I SAW A LIGHT OVER THAT WAY.
IF WE'RE LUCKY, IT'S ATTACHED TO A ROOF WE CAN SLEEP UNDER.
WANNA GO?



I SEE. YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED.
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE NOISE?
THIS HOUSE IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR US...
OUR HOUSE ISN'T MUCH, BUT PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME.
PLEASE FORGIVE HIM. HE'S RETARDED.
...MY DEAR BEAUTIFUL LADY...
Ugh!
Shiver
Bear kick.

Chapter 16: Keep Out of Paradise

OH...IT'S YOU...
WE WEREN'T PROPERLY INTRODUCED LAST TIME
I'M MADEIRA. MY SISTER TOLD ME TO BRING YOU A TOWEL.
MY SISTER IS USUALLY A KIND PERSON...
USUALLY, HUH?
WELL, WHO CARES ABOUT HER ATTITUDE?
I'M JUST GLAD I GET TO TAKE A BATH.
I'M COMING IN, OKAY?
Metal cyberducky (not for resale)
Ma Dairy?
I'M NOT FOLLOWING YOU.
SO I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AND MAKE SOME MONEY ON MY OWN.
I WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE, BUT MY PARENTS ARE AGAINST IT.
YOU DOPE, LET ME FINISH.
MY GRANDFATHER, WHO DIED LAST YEAR, HID SOME KIND OF TREASURE IN A CAVE ON OUR PROPERTY.
SO ANYWAY, YOU'RE JUST PASSING THROUGH, RIGHT?
I'D LIKE YOU TO HELP ME WITH SOMETHING.
YOU WILL BE COMPENSATED, OF COURSE.


YOU NEVER PLANNED TO PAY ANY ATTENTION TO MY OPINION IN THE FIRST PLACE!
DON'T SEEK MY APPROVAL JUST WHEN I HAPPEN TO COME AROUND!
MADEIRA!!
slam!
PLEASE FORGIVE MY SISTER'S BEHAVIOR.
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO MY PARENTS. THIS WAY, IF YOU WOULD.
BUT FATHER TOLD US TO BE KIND TO THOSE IN NEED...
KIND?
YOU'RE SUCH A HYPOCRITE!
MADEIRA, THESE TRAVELERS NEED A PLACE TO STAY TONIGHT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR THEM TO STAY IN THE GUEST ROOMS, ISN'T IT?
HOW DARE YOU? IT'S NOT ALL RIGHT!
THE AREA AROUND THIS HOUSE IS OUR PRIVATE LAND. YOU'RE TRESPASSING!
SEND THEM AWAY AT ONCE!

Mmm!
YOU DON'T LOOK THAT UPSET...
AHH! I CAN'T STAND HER!
HEH ACTUALLY, THIS PLACE IS FUN AS AN AMUSEMENT PARK!
OH LOOK! THIS PART OF THE FLOOR'S A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT COLOR!
WHAT HAPPENS IF I STEP ON IT?!
Kachek!
FOR EXAMPLE, IF I PUSH THIS BULGE ON THE WALL...
?!
...ARROWS FLY OUT LIKE THIS!

UM, I THINK THE HOUSE BELONGS TO YOUR PARENTS, AND ANYWAY YOUR SISTER'S THE ONE WHO LET US STAY.
I DON'T OWE YOU A THING!
Wah!
SHUT UP!
LET ME GUESS... YOU WANT ME TO COME HELP YOU STEAL THE TREASURE.
WHY NOT MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL?
IT'S NOT STEALING.
AND YOU ALREADY OWE ME SINCE I'M LETTING YOU STAY HERE FOR FREE.

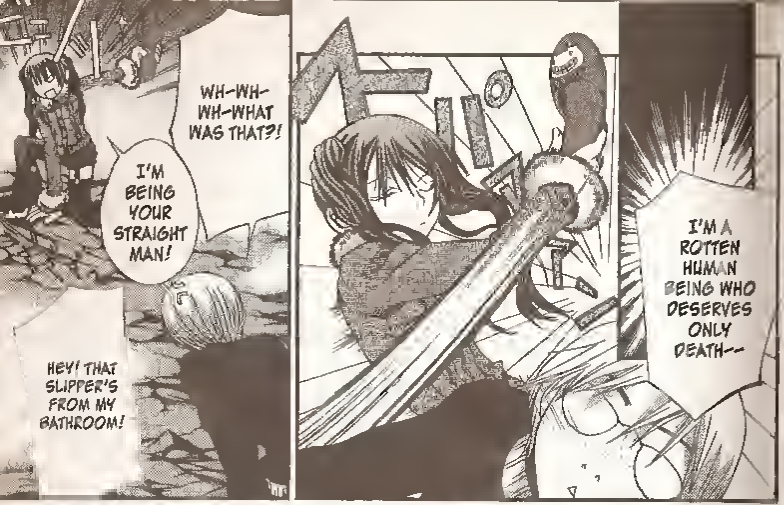
BY THE WAY, I HAD NO IDEA YOU ALWAYS WASHED YOUR HAIR FIRST
WHAT A DEMANDING BITCH.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LISTEN! WE'RE DOING THIS TOMOR-ROW!
TOMORROW, GOT IT?!

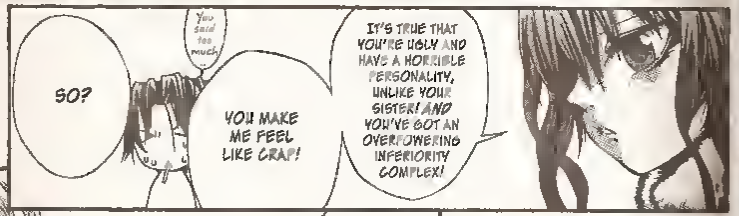
MY PARENTS CAME RIGHT AWAY WHEN THEY HEARD US SCREAMING.
THE BOAT ACCIDENTALLY CAPSIZED AND WE GOT THROWN INTO THE WATER.
ONE TIME WHEN MY SISTER AND I WERE STILL KIDS, WE WENT ON A BOAT RIDE IN A LAKE.
HOW DARE YOU TO SPEAK TO ME THAT WAY?! I'M YOUR SPONSOR!
YOU'RE NOT WALKING YOUR TALK!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU STOP RELYING ON AND STEALING FROM OTHERS?
MY PARENTS DIDN'T EVEN CARE IF I LIVED OR DIED.
I'M NOT THE SISTER WITH THE SWEET PERSONALITY AND PRETTY LOOKS.
FORTUNATELY, SOME PASSING FISHERMAN PICKED ME UP.
...BUT THEY ONLY SAVED MY SISTER.

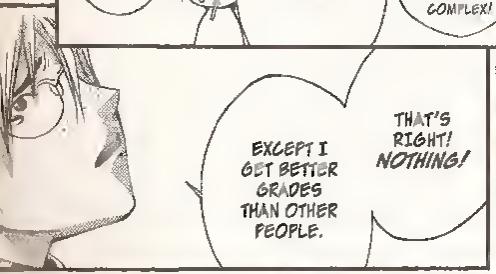
WHAT THE HECK?! IS THIS SOME KIND OF AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT?!
OH, I'M DEFINITELY NARASSING YOU, LADY!
You brat!
WHOA! THAT'S PRETTY DANGEROUS!
This must be named "The Violent Amusement Park"!
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU CRY, SO PREPARE YOURSELF.
YOU'VE BEEN RUDE TO ME, SO I'M SIMPLY PAYING YOU BACK WITH MORE RUDENESS! MY FATHER TAUGHT ME THIS WAY!
IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYONE WHO WOULD NELP ME OUT IF I RELIED ON THEM.
I CAN TRUST ONLY MYSELF.
AND YOU'RE TRYING TO STEAL IT ALL FOR YOURSELF! ♡
WHAT? I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING WRONG. IT'S NO USE TO A DEAD GUY.
SHE'S EVIL!
EVIL VERSUS EVIL!
YOUR GRANDFATHER RIGGED ALL THESE BOOBY TRAPS, RIGHT?
WHATEVER HE HID MUST BE REALLY VALUABLE. HEE HEE HEE HEE...
OF COURSE! SO VALUABLE HE DIDN'T EVEN WANT HIS OWN FAMILY TO HAVE IT! HA HA HA HA!

?!!
EH...?
I'M JUST KIDDING.
LET'S GO.
THAT'S AN IMPRESSIVE ECHO.
aaaa

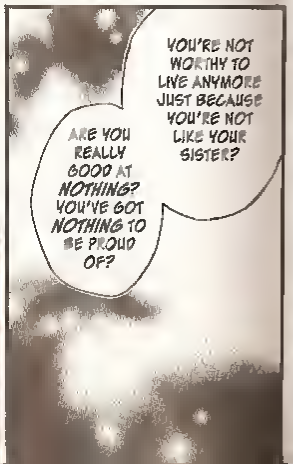
AH! I GOT IT!
THAT'S RIGHT! ♡
WE WALKED ALL AROUND THIS PLACE, BUT WE COULDN'T FIND AN EXIT.
NOW WHAT?
ABOUT THIS PLACE... I FOUND THIS FLOATING ON THE WATER.
MAKE A LEAF BOAT AND SEND OUT AN S.O.S....
UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE?
WRONG-O!
HUH...?
SHE'S NOT ANSWERING.
SHE MUST BE DEAD.
DEAD, DEAD.
RAHZEL ?!
Alzeid's irritated aura.
YOU GUYS FELL DOWN, TOO?
NO WAY, IDIOT.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE ON YOUR KNEES, WEEPING?
BAROQUE-HEAT! ALZEID!!
FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE, YOU SURE SEEM TO BE HAVING A GOOD TIME.
DOES THAT MEAN YOU'VE GOT SOME KIND OF PLAN?
MMM... NAH, THERE'S NO PLAN.
WE CAN GET OUT OF HERE EASILY... WITHOUT YOU.


WH-WH-WH-WHAT WAS THAT?!
I'M BEING YOUR STRAIGHT MAN!
HEY! THAT SLIPPER'S FROM MY BATHROOM!
I'M A ROTTEN HUMAN BEING WHO DESERVES ONLY DEATH--

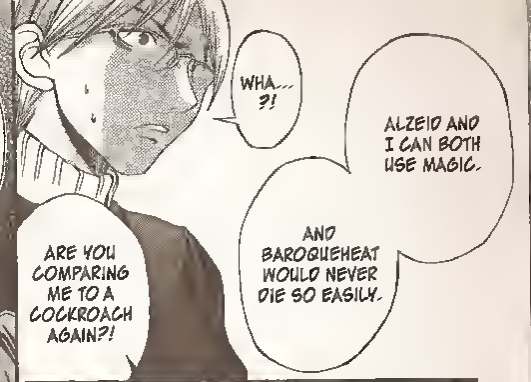

SO?
You said too much.
YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE CRAP!
IT'S TRUE THAT YOU'RE UGLY AND HAVE A HORRIBLE PERSONALITY, UNLIKE YOUR SISTER! AND YOU'VE GOT AN OVERPOWERING INFERIORITY COMPLEX!


EXCEPT I GET BETTER GRADES THAN OTHER PEOPLE.
THAT'S RIGHT! NOTHING!

AND YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF GUTS!
TAKE SOME PRIDE IN THAT!

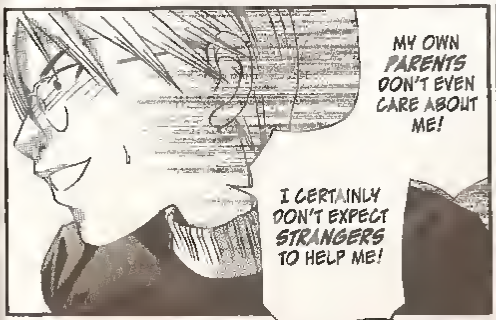

YOU'RE NOT WORTHY TO LIVE ANYMORE JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT LIKE YOUR SISTER?
ARE YOU REALLY GOOD AT NOTHING? YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF?

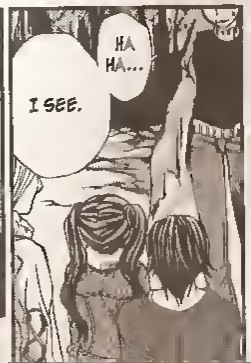
I'M NOT GOING TO RISK MY LIFE...
...FOR SOMEONE WHO ISN'T MY FRIEND.


WHA...?!
ALZEID AND I CAN BOTH USE MAGIC.
AND BAROQUEHEAT WOULD NEVER DIE SO EASILY.
ARE YOU COMPARING ME TO A COCKROACH AGAIN?!

BUT I DON'T LIKE YOU, AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING TO ANY TROUBLE FOR YOU.
I DEFINITELY DON'T FEEL LIKE PUTTING MYSELF IN HARM'S WAY FOR YOUR SAKE!

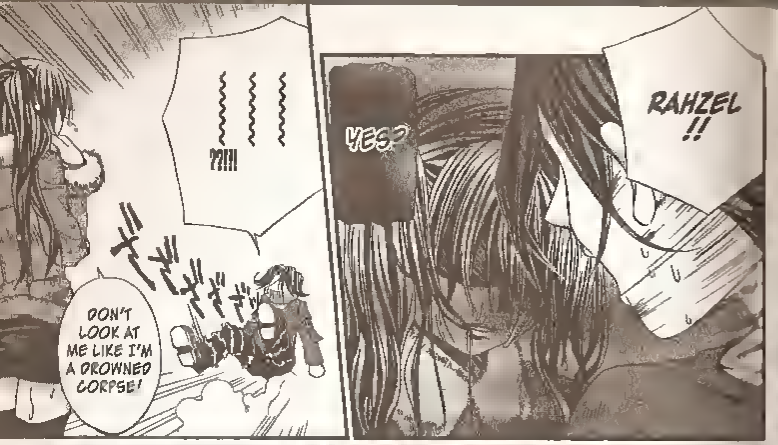
HEY! YOU GUYS ARE WORKING FOR ME RIGHT NOW!
I KNOW THAT.
I'LL DO MY BEST, SINCE THIS IS A JOB.
Ha!!


MY OWN PARENTS DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT ME!
I CERTAINLY DON'T EXPECT STRANGERS TO HELP ME!

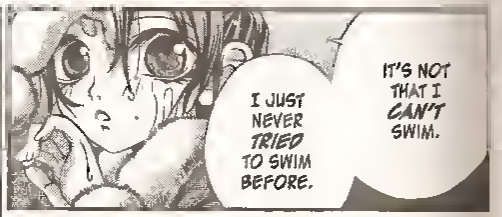

HA HA...
I SEE.

ARE YOU COLD?
NO, I'M FINE. HOW'D YOU DO THAT?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
I FORMED A THIN LAYER OF AIR AROUND YOUR BODY.
SO YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO BREATHE WHILE YOU'RE UNDER THE WATER.
REALLY?
...SHE HOPES?!
...I HOPE!
WHISPER
AND... ...SEE?
?!
.....
LET'S DO THIS.
OKAY.

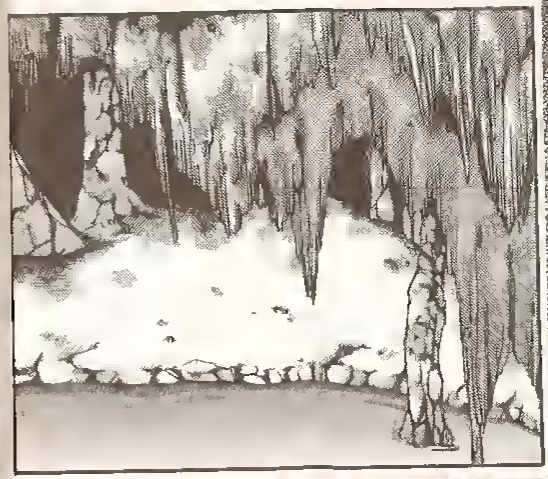
The illustration of hope
UMM...IT MEANS THAT THE WATER BELOW THE CAVE IS CONNECTED TO THE LAKE?
CORRECT!
SO WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET OUT THROUGH THERE!
LOOK!
WHY DO YOU THINK THIS LEAF, WHICH YOU SHOULDN'T FIND IN A CAVE, WAS FLOATING ON THE WATER HERE?
DION'T YOU HIRE US BECAUSE YOU WANT OUR HELP?
AND EVEN IF WE CAN FIT...I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN HOLD OUR BREATH THAT LONG...
BUT JUST BECAUSE WATER CAN GET THROUGH DOESN'T MEAN THERE'S ENOUGH ROOM FOR A PERSON TO FIT...
DON'T WORRY. YOU WON'T BE LEFT TO DROWN ANYMORE.
WE WON'T LET YOU FEEL SCARED ANYMORE.
WOW. I GET TO DO SUCH AN IMPORTANT JOB?
Yeah. But Alceid would leave you to die halfway through since he's a jerk.
Shut up
BUT--!!
IT'LL BE FINE. BAROQUEHEAT WILL PULL YOU THROUGH THE WATER.

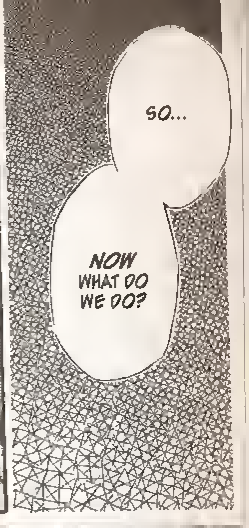

?!!!!
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M A DROWNED CORPSE!
YES?
RAHZEL !!

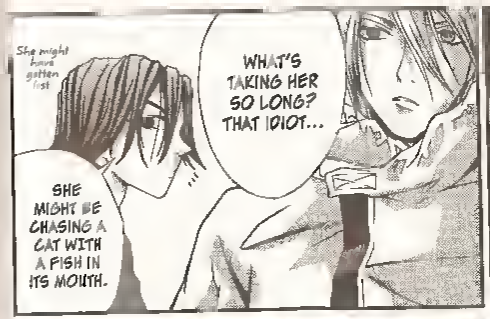
YOU SHOULD'VE ASKED FOR HELP FROM THE START!
CAN'T YOU SWIM USING MAGIC?
IS THIS SOME KIND OF SYMPATHY PLAY? WAS I THAT MISERABLE ?!

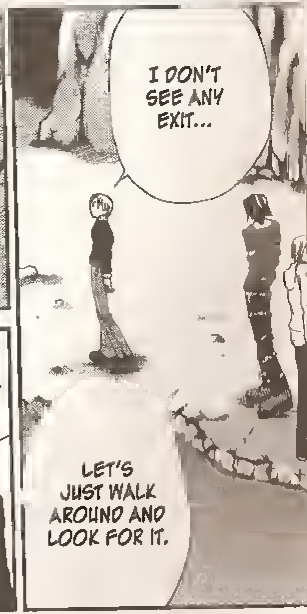

I JUST NEVER TRIED TO SWIM BEFORE.
IT'S NOT THAT I CAN'T SWIM.

I ABOUT FROZE TO DEATH!
ARE YOU STUPID?!
HEH HEH... IT GOT HARD TO KEEP MOVING...
...AND I ENDED UP SUFFERING LIKE THIS SINCE I FREAKED OUT AND COULDN'T CONCENTRATE ON MY MAGIC

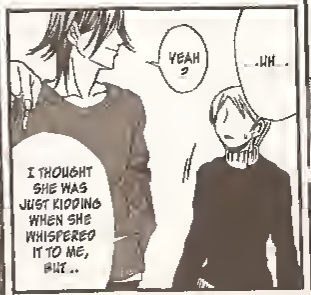


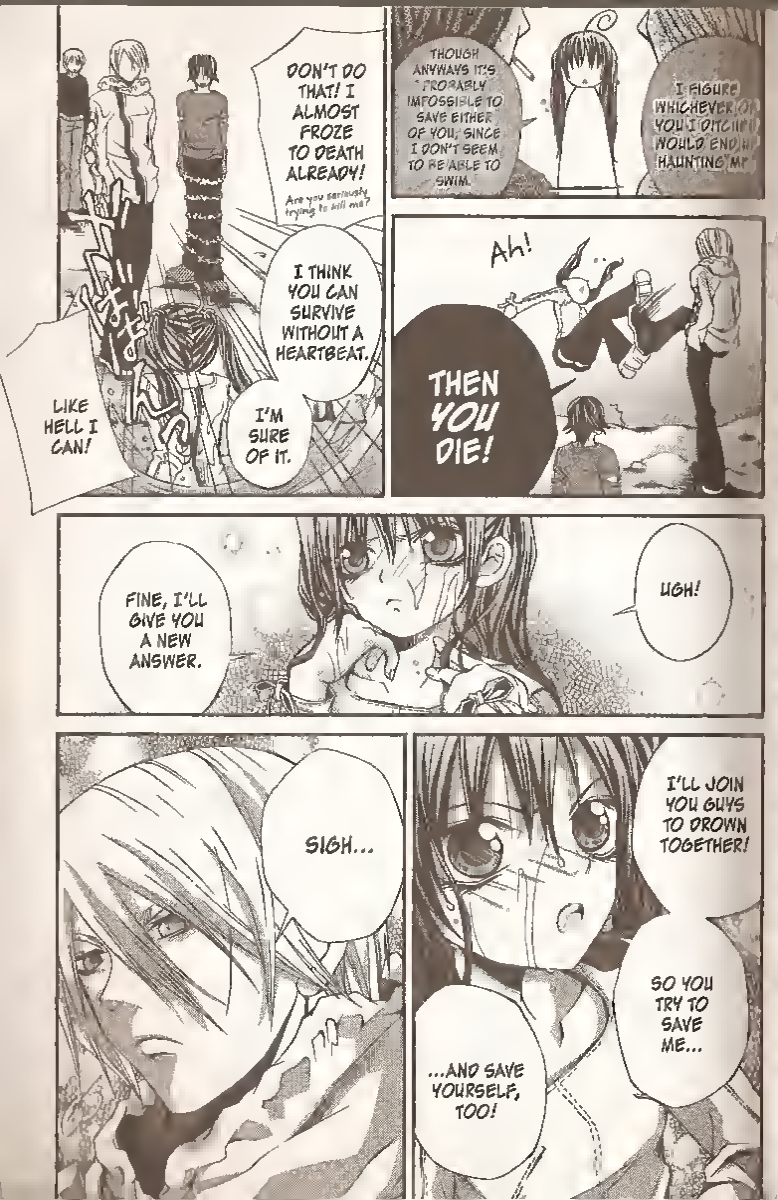

SO...
NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

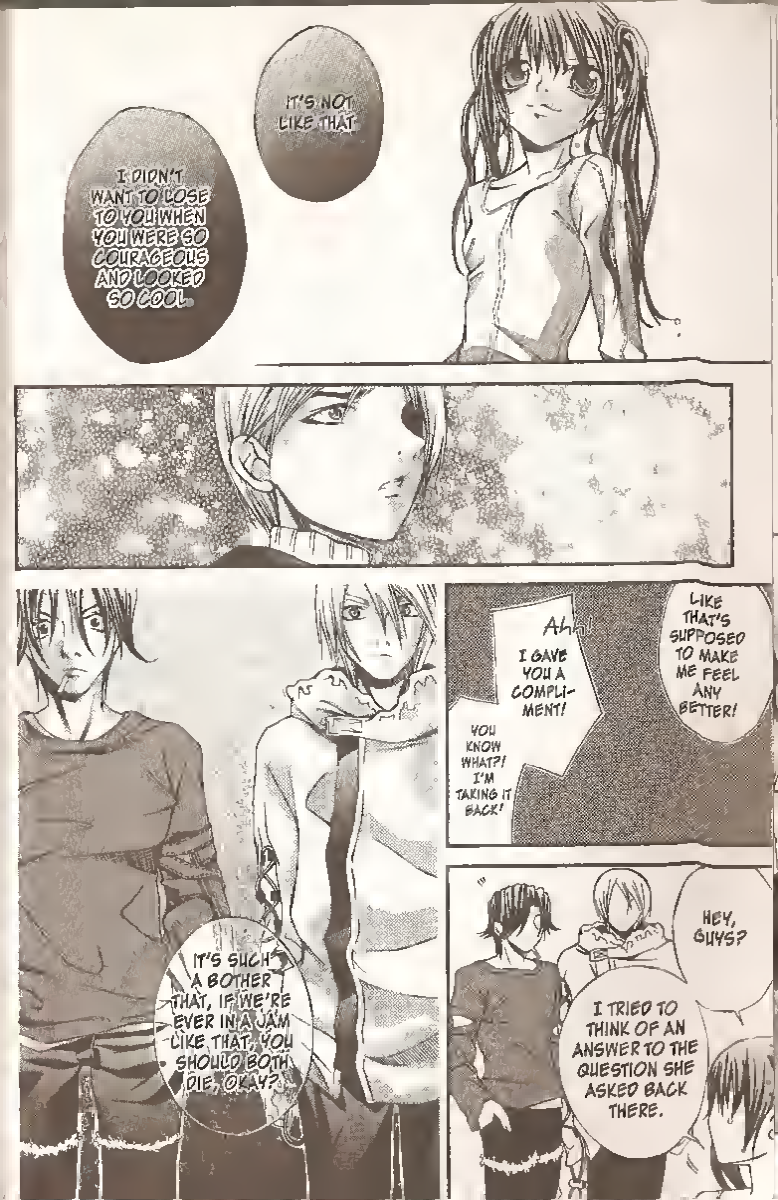

She might have gotten lost
SHE MIGHT BE CHASING A CAT WITH A FISH IN ITS MOUTH.
WHAT'S TAKING HER SO LONG? THAT IDIOT...

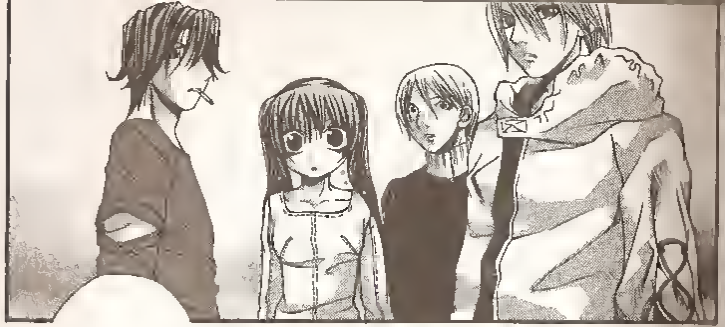

I DON'T SEE ANY EXIT...
LET'S JUST WALK AROUND AND LOOK FOR IT.

...IS IT TRUE THAT SHE CAN'T SWIM?


YEAH ?
...UH...
I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST KIDDING WHEN SHE WHISPERED IT TO ME, BUT...

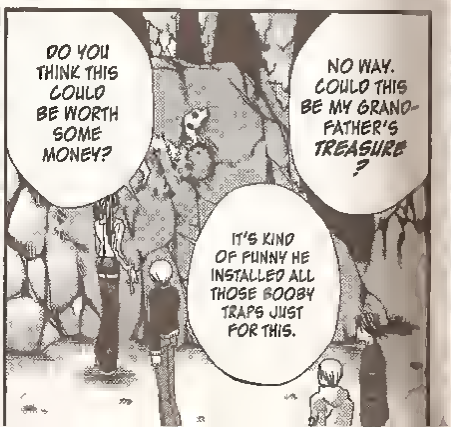

DON'T DO THAT! I ALMOST FROZE TO DEATH ALREADY!
Are you seriously trying to kill me?
I THINK YOU CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT A HEARTBEAT.
I'M SURE OF IT.
LIKE HELL I CAN!
THOUGH ANYWAYS IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SAVE EITHER OF YOU, SINCE I DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO SWIM.
I FIGURE WHICHEVER OF YOU I DITCH IT WOULD END UP HAUNTING ME
Ah!
THEN YOU DIE!
FINE, I'LL GIVE YOU A NEW ANSWER.
UGH!
SIGH...
I'LL JOIN YOU GUYS TO DROWN TOGETHER!
SO YOU TRY TO SAVE ME...
...AND SAVE YOURSELF, TOO!

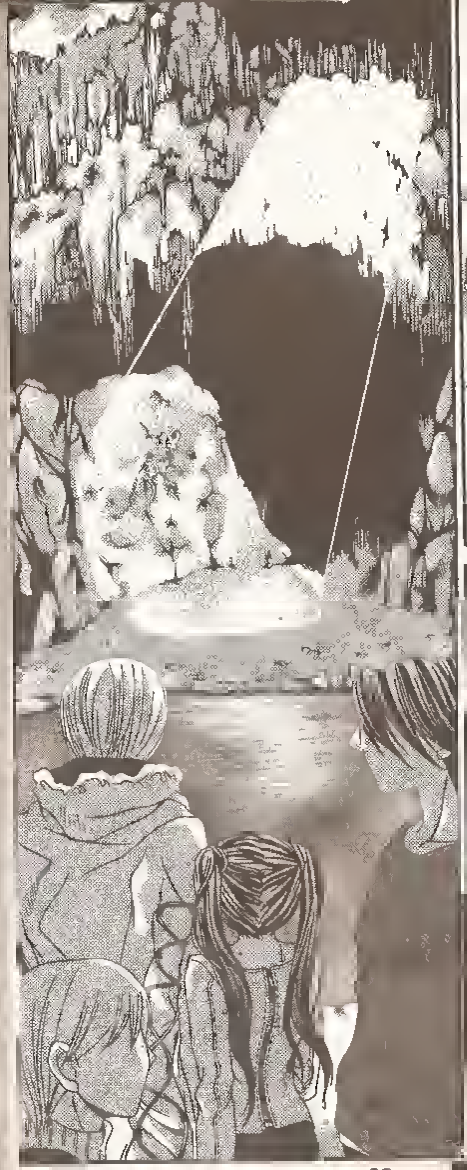

I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE SO COURAGEOUS AND LOOKED SO COOL
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
IT'S SUCH A BOTHER THAT, IF WE'RE EVER IN A JAM LIKE THAT, YOU SHOULD BOTH DIE, OKAY?
Ah!
I GAVE YOU A COMPLIMENT!
YOU KNOW WHAT?! I'M TAKING IT BACK!
LIKE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME FEEL ANY BETTER!
HEY, GUYS?
I TRIED TO THINK OF AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION SHE ASKED BACK THERE.

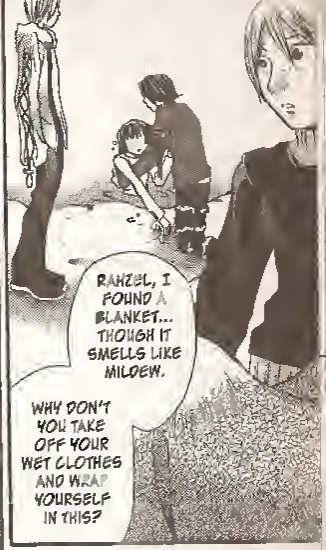


A FOSSIL?

PROBABLY ..
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?


DO YOU THINK THIS COULD BE WORTH SOME MONEY?
NO WAY. COULD THIS BE MY GRANDFATHER'S TREASURE?
IT'S KIND OF FUNNY HE INSTALLED ALL THOSE BOOBY TRAPS JUST FOR THIS.




RAHZEL, I FOUND A BLANKET... THOUGH IT SMELLS LIKE MILDEW.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE OFF YOUR WET CLOTHES AND WRAP YOURSELF IN THIS?

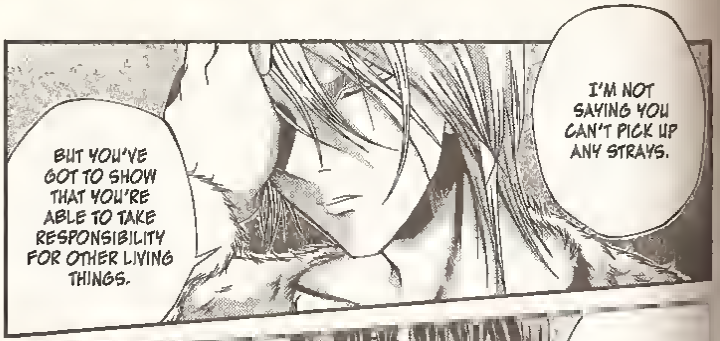
WHAT'S A BLANKET DOING HERE?
I DON'T KNOW...
I ALSO FOUND SOME FIREWOOD

YOU...YOU LOOKED SO COOL...
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE TO YOU.
AFTER I GET SETTLED DOWN, I'M GOING TO TRY COMMUNICATING WITH MY PARENTS.
AND I'LL KEEP TRYING UNTIL WE CAN BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER.
BETTER THAN BEING STUBBORN MULES LIKE WE'VE BEEN UP TO NOW.
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO SELL THE FOSSIL?
I DON'T WANT TO BE HAUNTED BY MY GRANDFATHER.
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED...
PLEASE TAKE THIS AS A TOKEN OF MY APPRECIATION.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT THAT MUCH!
I'M GOING TO MOVE OUT OF MY PARENTS' HOUSE.
DAMMIT! I'M LEAVING, TOO!
GOODBYE!
WAIT!
YOU STOLE MY WORDS?!
AH HA HA HA! ARE YOU SHY? HOW CUTE.
I DON'T LIKE THAT!
SHE WHO HESITATES IS LOST! I'M ACTUALLY LEAVING RIGHT NOW.
I'M ASKING MY SISTER TO SEND MY STUFF LATER.
But isn't that what we always do?
YOU ALWAYS TAKE THE MOST EXTREME OPTION...

Her eye color: blue.
Her hair color: black.
Height: short.
Weight: light
Name, age...
Some favorite foods...
That is the sum total of what I know about her.

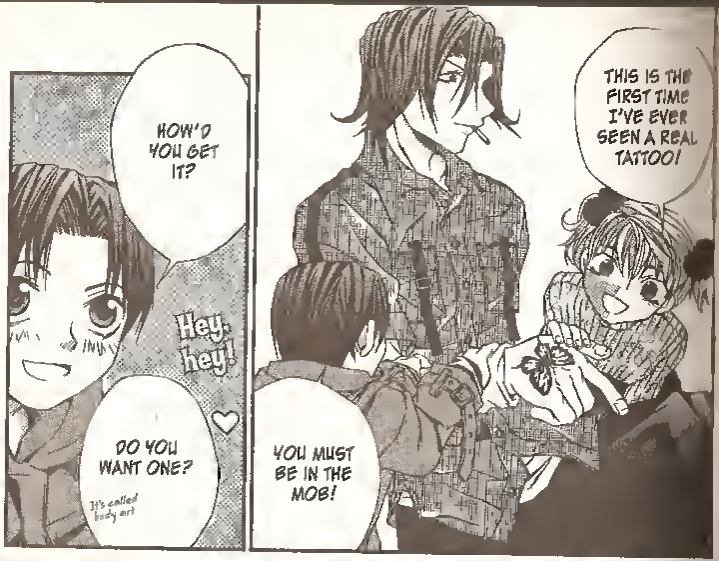
...I'LL DO ANYTHING I CAN TO SAVE YOU!
IF...
IF WE HAPPEN TO MEET AGAIN...
...AND YOU'RE IN TROUBLE...
I ALREADY KNOW THAT!
YOU DOPE!

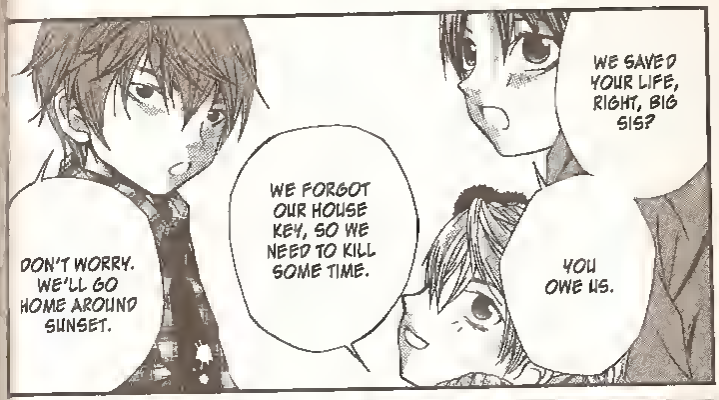
Chapter 17: Signs and Portents

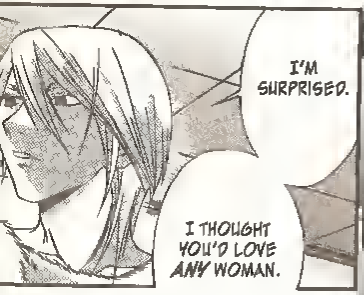

I'M NOT SAYING YOU CAN'T PICK UP ANY STRAYS.
BUT YOU'VE GOT TO SHOW THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHER LIVING THINGS.

I DIDN'T PICK THEM UP. THEY FOLLOWED ME.
WELL, THEY KIND OF HELPED ME GET BACK HERE TO THE HOTEL..
...Y'KNOW? THE WAY BACK WAS KIND OF...
...COMPLICATED...
MUMBLE...

One more thing.
She's a total and complete idiot.
DON'T GIVE ME THAT!
I DON'T CARE! TAKE THEM BACK TO WHEREVER THEY CAME FROM!
BIG SIS, CAN I HAVE SOME MORE JUICE?
EH? BUT...
HEAVY...

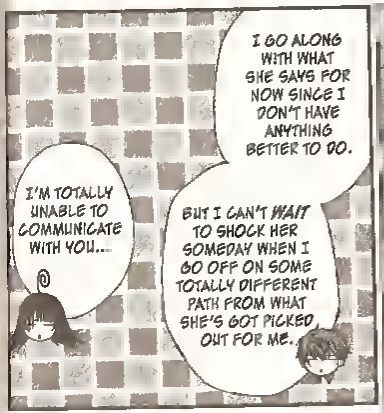

HOW'D YOU GET IT?
Hey, hey!
DO YOU WANT ONE?
It's called body art
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN A REAL TATTOO!
YOU MUST BE IN THE MOB!

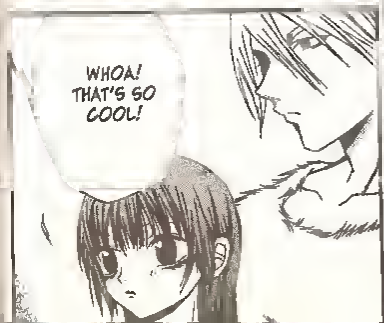

DON'T WORRY. WE'LL GO HOME AROUND SUNSET.
WE FORGOT OUR HOUSE KEY, SO WE NEED TO KILL SOME TIME.
WE SAVED YOUR LIFE, RIGHT, BIG SIS?
YOU OWE US.


I'M SURPRISED.
I THOUGHT YOU'D LOVE ANY WOMAN.

YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T DO IT. IT'S REALLY PAINFUL.
THIS WAS FOR THE WOMAN I LOVED.
I DIDN'T GET IT JUST TO BE COOL.

DON'T TALK ABOUT ME LIKE I'M A DOG OR A CAT IN HEAT.
Even me thinks she's okay. I do, it's known anything about him, either.


I'M TOTALLY UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU...
I GO ALONG WITH WHAT SHE SAYS FOR NOW SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO.
BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOCK HER SOMEDAY WHEN I GO OFF ON SOME TOTALLY DIFFERENT PATH FROM WHAT SHE'S GOT PICKED OUT FOR ME.


WHOA! THAT'S SO COOL!

AREN'T YOU GUYS HEALTHY KIDS? WHY DON'T YOU GO PLAY OUTSIDE?
CHILDREN ARE WEAKER THESE DAYS.
WHENEVER WE'VE GOT TIME TO PLAY, MOM ALWAYS TELLS US TO STUDY.

MY TEACHER ALWAYS TELLS US, "GROWTH COMES THROUGH TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS."
AND THEN SHE SAYS, "IT'S NICE TO BE KIDS AND HAVE NO WORRIES."
BUT WE'VE GOT OUR OWN WORRIES AND STUFF!
Like that I don't have a boyfriend yet!
YOU MIGHT CALL US CHILDREN DUE TO OUR AGE.
BUT CHILDREN ARE THOUGHT OF AS INNOCENT AND NAIVE.
YOU JUST DON'T WANT US TO TREAT YOU LIKE KIDS?
BUT KIDS CREATE THEIR OWN SOCIAL STRUCTURES WITH THEIR OWN THINGS TO BE PROUD OF.
Right?
DON'T CALL US KIDS!
She has some very interesting ways of thinking about things.
WELL.. IN OTHER WORDS..
IT'S COOL.
I THINK YOU CAN BE PROUD OF BEING A CHILD.
"COOL," HUH?
I wonder if I can't control my powers because I'm just that kind of person?
Is there anyone who influenced her to be like that?
NO ONE LIVES WITHOUT WORRIES.
IT'S CONSCIENTIOUS OF YOU TO NOT SHOW YOUR WORRIES TO OTHERS.
Probably
CONSHI- WHATNOW?
HAVEN'T YOU EVER JUST YEARNED FOR THE WARMTH OF ANOTHER HUMAN BEING?
I JUST WANT SOMEONE TO SLEEP BESIDE ME...
YEP. YOU'RE HUMAN.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT. OTHER ANIMALS HAVE A MATING SEASON, BUT HUMANS CAN MATE ALL THE TIME.
IN THAT WAY, YOU ARE SO VERY HUMAN.
COULD YOU NOT SOUND LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO CONVINCE YOURSELF?
I admit that he's kinda cute when I'm thinking about myself.
YOU MUST BE ONE INCOMPETENT BEAST TAMER
ALL MEN MUST TAME THE WILD BEAST. ♡
SO YOUR LOWER BODY HAS A DIFFERENT PERSONALITY?
But I can't leave out when he's being serious and when he's joking, so I can't trust those hints.
DON'T TALK ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN!
Including me!!
NOT THAT I MEAN TO HURT YOU...
...BUT YOU REALLY ARE KIDS.
I'M HURT.
NOW YOU'RE TREATING US LIKE KIDS?

GOOD MORNING, AL.
RAHZEL TOOK THOSE KIDS HOME.
CAN SHE REALLY MAKE IT?
SHE'S GOING TO GET LOST AGAIN AND THOSE KIDS'LL HAVE TO BRING HER BACK--
EXCUSE ME?!
Hmm...
YOU SLEEP TOO MUCH!
WHERE'S THE STUPID CHICK?
Da na
.....

I'M GOING TO USE YOUR BED, OKAY?
It's too noisy out here
TO TAKE A NAP.
SO TIRED...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
YOU'RE REALLY A SOCIOPATH!
YOU JUST WANNA ENJOY THE SCENTS RAHZEL LEAVES IN HER BED!
DON'T TEACH THEM TO BE SOCIOPATHS!
AND THAT TEACHER WHO TALKS TO YOU GUYS LIKE THAT SHOULD BE EDUCATED WITH A FEW GOOD WHACKS!
ALL RIGHT!
NO WAY!
YOU'RE LEARNING HARD STUFF LIKE THIS AT SCHOOL?
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT EITHER?
WHICH QUESTIONS DO YOU NEED ME TO HELP YOU WITH?
THIS ONE AND THIS ONE AND...
That one, too
THAT'S EVERY-THING!!

BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT YOURSELF!!
.....
I COULD...
REALLY?
I COULD SAY...
...I HAVE ONE OLDER BROTHER.
WHAT'S COME OVER YOU?!
NIIIICE!! AN OLDER BROTHER! WOOWWWIEE!
COOL! YEAH! WAHOO!
You can have one of mine if you want
Eeek!
Alzeid is barely keeping himself from reacting violently
Do you bleed?
You're a bad guy huh?
THANKS FOR MAKING US LAUGH.
IT WAS QUITE ENTERTAINING!
YOU TWO...
THANKS FOR TODAY.
?
THANKS FOR HANGING OUT WITH THE KIDS EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T LIKE THEM
Though you did escape in the middle
DO YOU HAVE ANY SIBLINGS, ALZEID?
My eldest brother was a demon and the next brother was a gang. I would never friend'em right
I WOULDN'T SAY WE GET ALONG.
...I HADN'T HEARD YOU WERE AN ONLY CHILD, RAHZEL.
I WONDER IF THAT'S WHAT HAVING BROTHERS AND SISTERS IS LIKE...
BAROQUE-HEAT?
SHOULDA GUESSED.
WHAT THE HELL?!

YOU'RE RIGHT...
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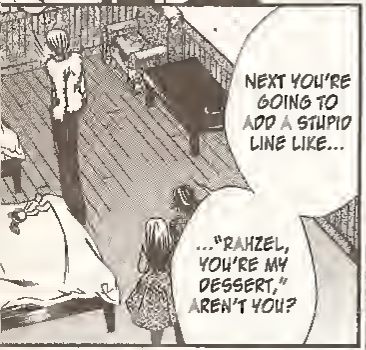
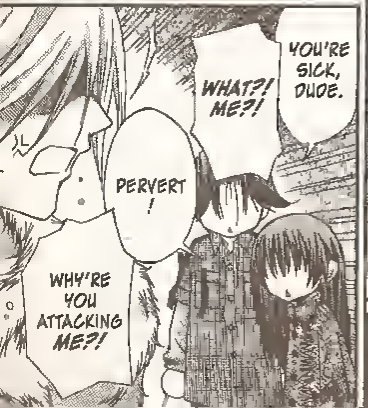
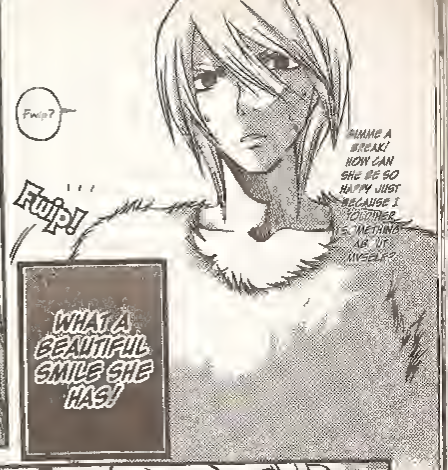

NEXT YOU'RE GOING TO ADD A STUPID LINE LIKE...
..."RAHZEL, YOU'RE MY DESSERT," AREN'T YOU?


WHY'RE YOU ATTACKING ME?!
PERVERT!
WHAT?! ME?!
YOU'RE SICK, DUDE.

ARE YOU HUNGRY?
LET'S GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT. I'LL BUY YOU DINNER.

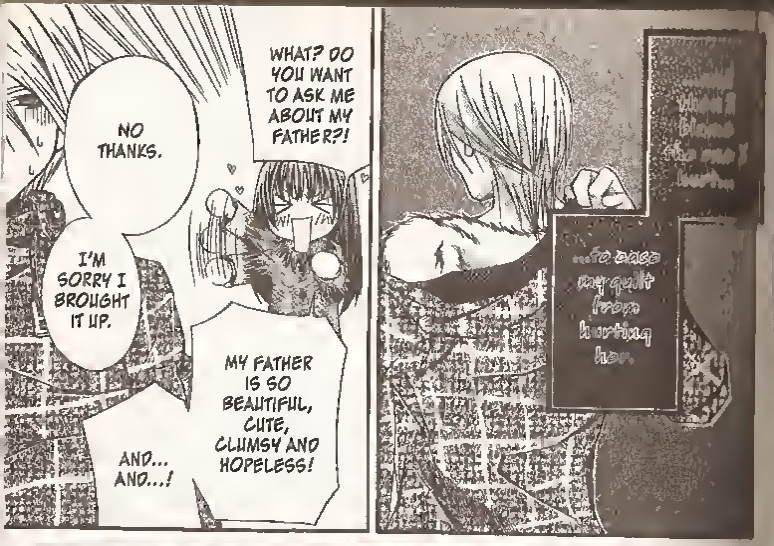
SHOULD I FORCE HER DOWN RIGHT NOW?
.....
You can't do that by yourself, shiny? Let's share!
THAT SOUNDS GREAT! LET'S DO THAT, YEAH!

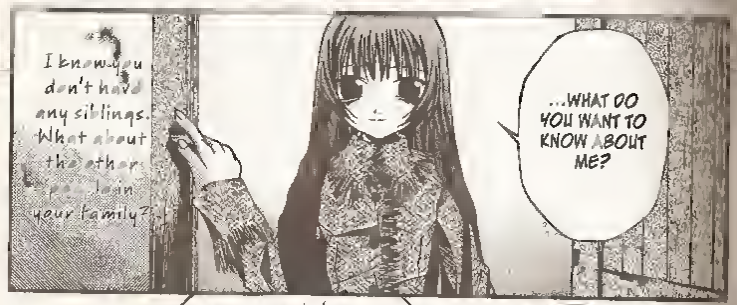

Fwip?
Fwip!
GIMME A BREAK! HOW CAN SHE BE SO HAPPY JUST BECAUSE I'D OTHER SOMETHING AS IT HERSELF?
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SMILE SHE HAS!

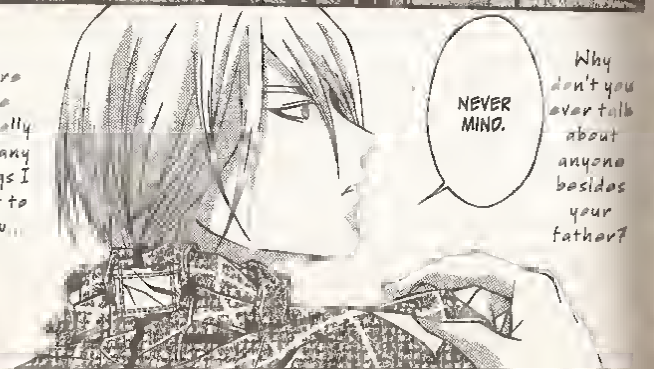
SO? HOW IS HE?
HUH?

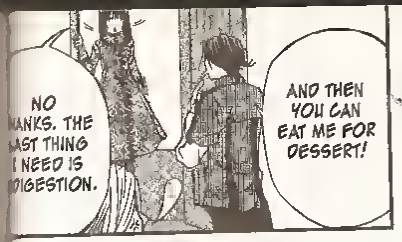
ANYWAY, IT'S NONE OF YOUR DAMN BUSINESS!
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR OVER TEN YEARS NOW. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S EVEN STILL ALIVE.

WHAT'S HIS NAME? DO YOU GET ALONG?
YOUR BROTHER, ALZEID!


NO THANKS.
I'M SORRY I BROUGHT IT UP.
WHAT? DO YOU WANT TO ASK ME ABOUT MY FATHER?!
MY FATHER IS SO BEAUTIFUL, CUTE, CLUMSY AND HOPELESS!
AND... AND...!
...to ease my guilt from hurting her.


I know you don't have any siblings. What about the other [illegible] in your family?
...WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ME?


There are actually so many things I want to know...
NEVER MIND.
Why don't you ever talk about anyone besides your father?


NO THANKS. THE LAST THING I NEED IS INDIGESTION.
AND THEN YOU CAN EAT ME FOR DESSERT!

ALZEID! HURRY UP!
BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND!
Argh

LET ME TREAT YOU TO DINNER TONIGHT!
I FOUND A NICE RESTAURANT EARLIER.

I can't help acting so childish...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T TALK ABOUT YOURSELF.

YOU'RE THE ONE...

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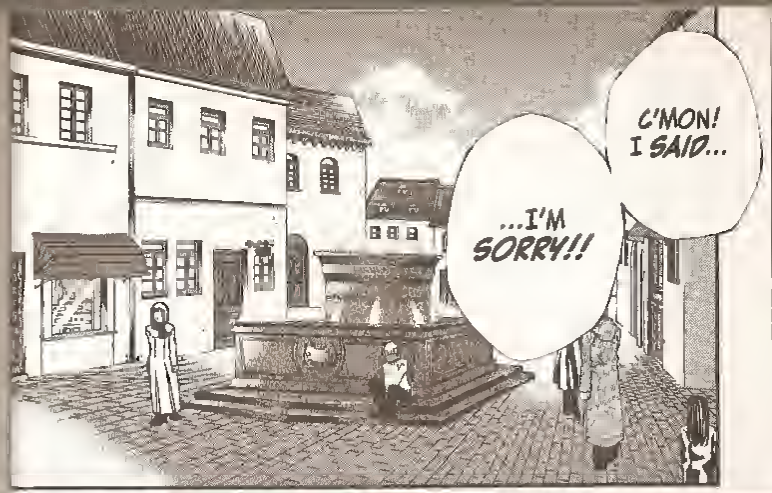
It won't be long...

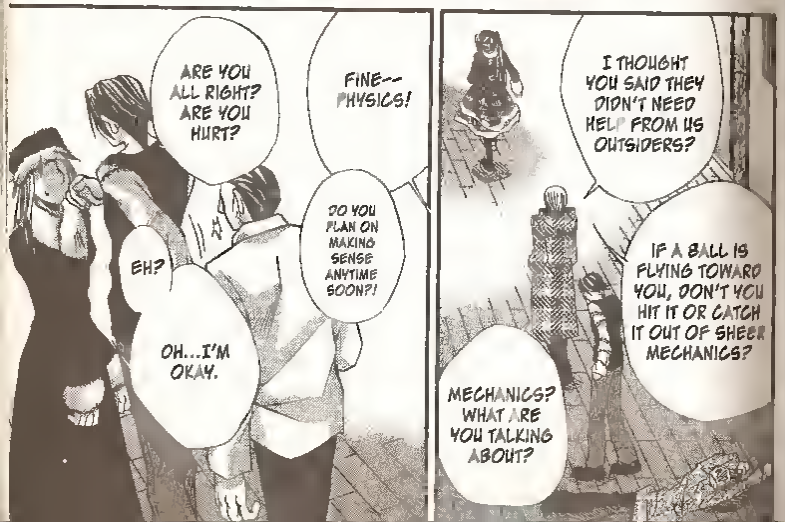
...before I regret that I didn't ask her anything.

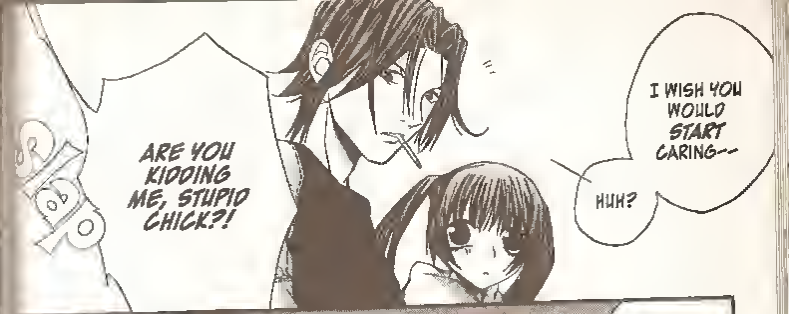
LET'S SEE...I MET THIS GORGEOUS BABE ON THE WAY THERE. SHE BOUGHT ME LUNCH AND GAVE ME HER PHONE NUMBER.
SHE MAY OFFER ME HERSELF AS DESSERT AFTER DINNER TONIGHT, BUT I CAN'T TELL RAHZEL THAT.
SHOULD I JUST LIE ABOUT THE WHOLE THING?
I'D EXPECT YOU TO HAVE JUST BEATEN THEM UP, SKINNED THEM AND STUCK GREEN ONIONS UP THEIR NOSES!
DON'T INVENT PERSONALITY TRAITS FOR ME!
THAT'S THE SORT OF DISPOSITION YOU'VE GOT!
CHUG A THOUSAND NEEDLES AND DIE!
I SUGGEST YOU HOLD BACK THE DETAILS ABOUT THE CHICK.
AND HEY YOU, BAROQUEHEAT! YOU WERE LATE, TOO!
Ehh?!
WHAT SHOULD I TELL HER?!
WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?!
I DON'T CARE.
NOT YET. THIS IS A PRETTY ROUGH AREA... IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO STAY IN, RAHZEL.
SO DID YOU FIND US A PLACE TO STAY TONIGHT?


C'MON! I SAID...
...I'M SORRY!!

YOU SHOULDN'T MISPLACE YOUR ANGER LITTLE BOY AL
I WAITED FOR YOU FOR TWO HOURS AFTER THAT!
He's right!
IF YOU'D BEEN ON TIME YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO WAIT FOR ME "AFTER THAT"!
AND WHILE I WAS WAITING, I HAD A HECK OF A TIME FENDING OFF GUYS TRYING TO PICK UP ON ME!
BESIDES, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WAS LATE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU FOR HALF AN HOUR!

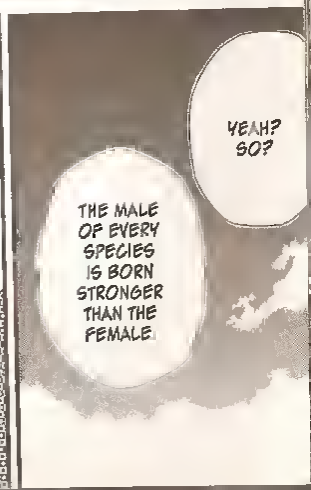
I'LL GIVE HIM A SLIGHT TAP.
ELEGANTLY!
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO PHILOSOPHICAL.
MY GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO BECOME A NEW, MORE MATURE RAHZEL!
UMM, LOOKS LIKE HER BOYFRIEND IS RUNNING AWAY INSTEAD OF PROTECTING HER.
AND HE'S COMING STRAIGHT TOWARD US.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, CAPTAIN?

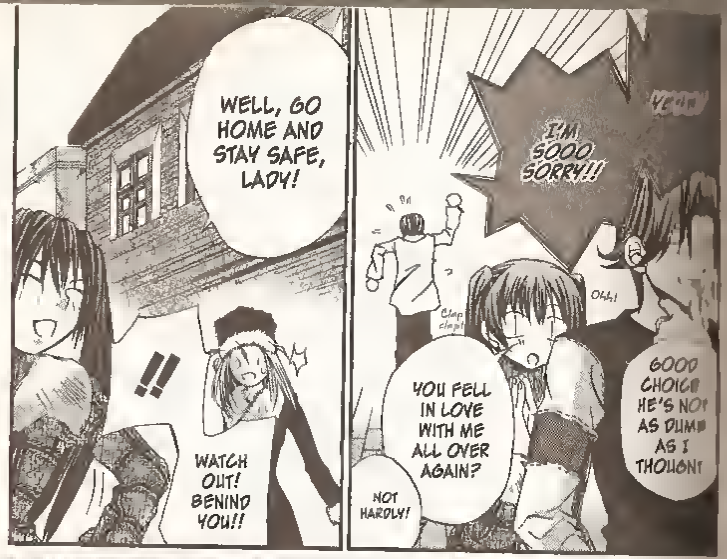

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ARE YOU HURT?
FINE--PHYSICS!
DO YOU PLAN ON MAKING SENSE ANYTIME SOON?!
EH?
OH...I'M OKAY.
I THOUGHT YOU SAID THEY DIDN'T NEED HELP FROM US OUTSIDERS?
IF A BALL IS FLYING TOWARD YOU, DON'T YOU HIT IT OR CATCH IT OUT OF SHEER MECHANICS?
MECHANICS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

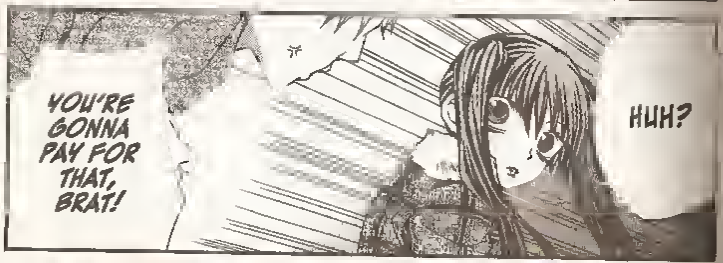

ARE YOU KIDDING ME, STUPID CHICK?!
I WISH YOU WOULD START CARING--
HUH?

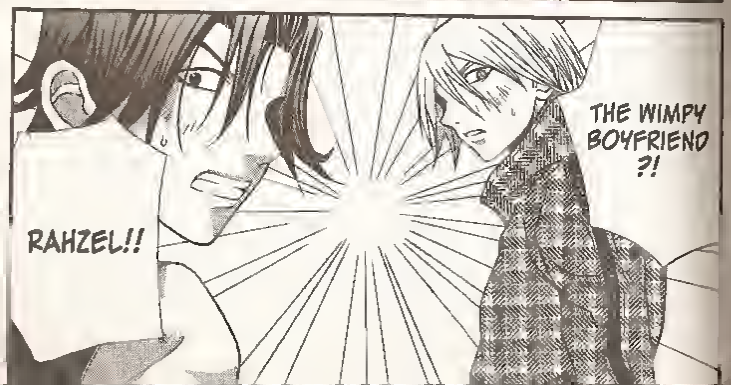
LEAVE ME ALONE! I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU ANYMORE!
DID YOU FORGET HOW WELL I TOOK CARE OF YOU?!
THAT YOUNG WOMAN LOOKS LIKE SHE'S IN A PINCH!
SHE'S ALREADY GOT A MAN THERE ON HER SIDE.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

SO THEY DON'T NEED HELP FROM US OUTSIDERS!!
THE LAW OF NATURE IS THAT WOMEN CHOOSE MEN WHO HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER THAT THEY NEED.
"THE LAW OF NATURE"?
THEREFORE IT'S THE MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE WOMAN.

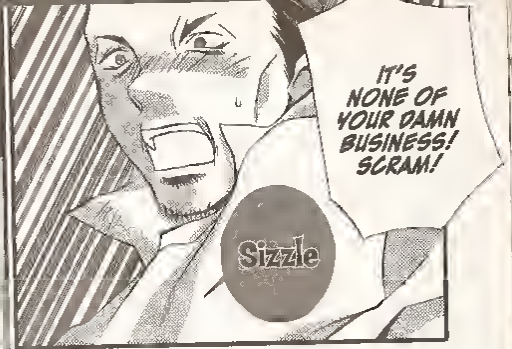

YEAH? SO?
THE MALE OF EVERY SPECIES IS BORN STRONGER THAN THE FEMALE.


WELL, GO HOME AND STAY SAFE, LADY!
!!
WATCH OUT! BEHIND YOU!!
I'M SOOO SORRY!!
Clap clap!
OHH!
YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH ME ALL OVER AGAIN?
NOT HARDLY!
GOOD CHOICE! HE'S NOT AS DUMB AS I THOUGHT

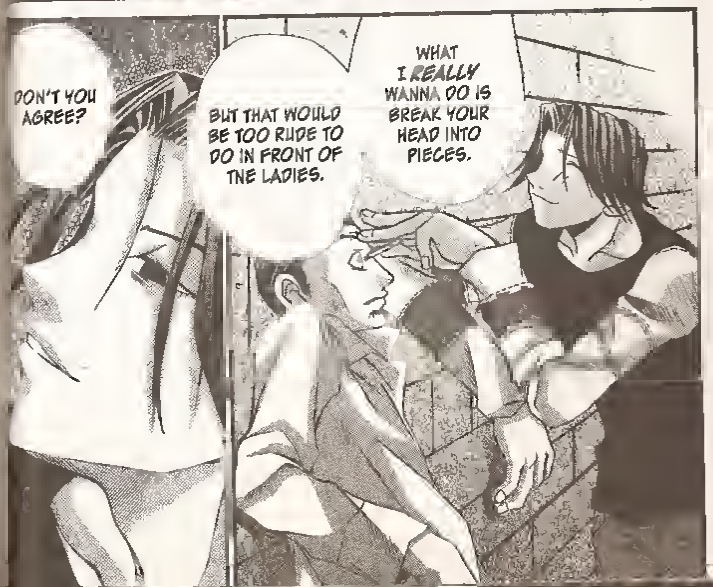

YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THAT, BRAT!
HUH?


RAHZEL!!
THE WIMPY BOYFRIEND?!

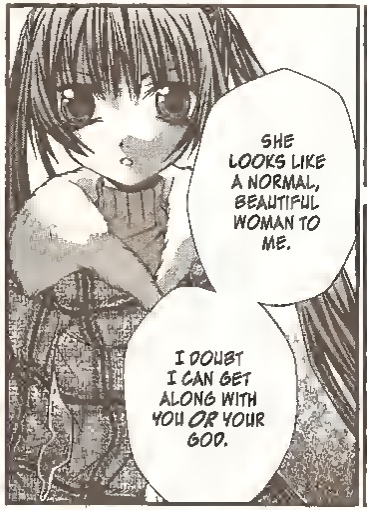
OUCH!
HOT, HOT, HOT!!
WOMEN ARE FRAGILE, BROTHER. YOU BETTER HANDLE THEM WITH CARE.

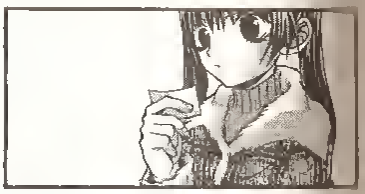

Sizzle
IT'S NONE OF YOUR DAMN BUSINESS! SCRAM!

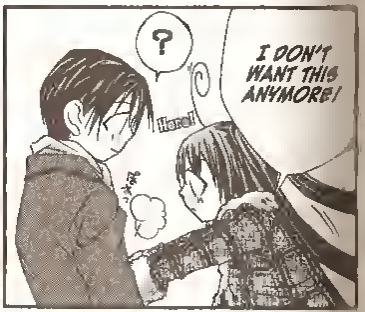
"Sizzle."


DON'T YOU AGREE?
BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO RUDE TO DO IN FRONT OF THE LADIES.
WHAT I REALLY WANNA DO IS BREAK YOUR HEAD INTO PIECES.

Sfere
UMM... CAN I HELP YOU?
PARDON ME.
HERE'S MY CARD.
YES!!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
NO, I'M FINE... THANKS.
YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?
?!
I WON'T PERMIT YOU TO COMMIT VIOLENCE.
I OBSERVED THE WHOLE THING.
ALTHOUGH I DON'T CONDOONE VIOLENCE, I RESPECT COURAGEOUS WOMEN.
YOU SAW IT ALL?
YES. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THAT COUPLE'S ARGUMENT.
A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION WITH BUSINESS CARDS?
Very fishy!
THE RELIGIOUS ORDER OF SYNCHRONIC CENTURY, RE/RESENTATIVE...
...DEE FENNEL...?
Your title sounds so fancy
ONE MUST ADAPT TO THE WAYS OF MODERN SOCIETY.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY EXCUSES.
JUST BE ON YOUR WAY
BUT, GURU...
I...I'M SORRY.


SHE LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL, BEAUTIFUL WOMAN TO ME.
I DOUBT I CAN GET ALONG WITH YOU *OR* YOUR GOD.

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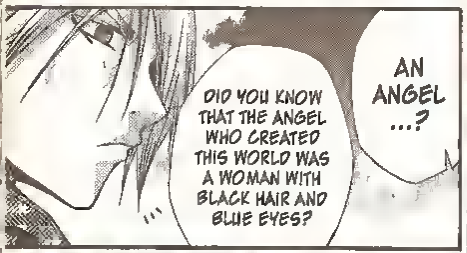
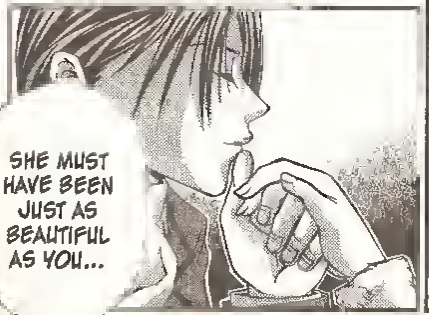
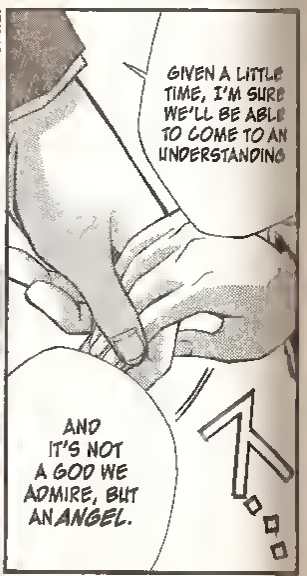
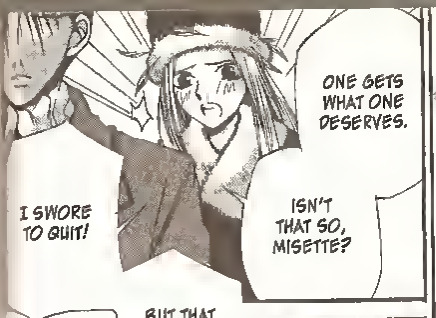
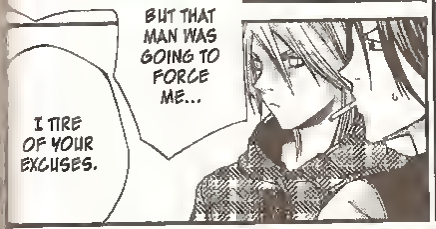
I DON'T WANT THIS ANYMORE!
Hard!


AN ANGEL ...?
DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ANGEL WHO CREATED THIS WORLD WAS A WOMAN WITH BLACK HAIR AND BLUE EYES?

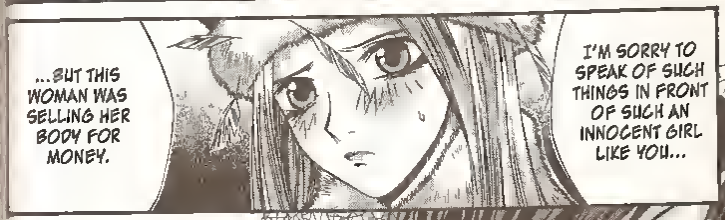

SHE MUST HAVE BEEN JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU...

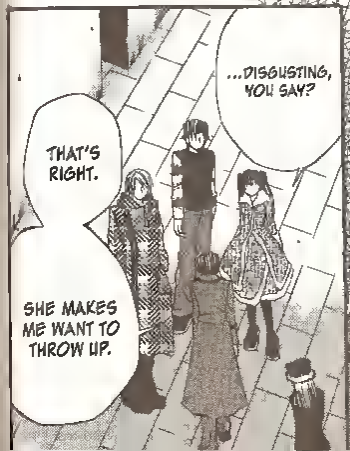

GIVEN A LITTLE TIME, I'M SURE WE'LL BE ABLE TO COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING
AND IT'S NOT A GOD WE ADMIRE, BUT AN *ANGEL*.


I SWORE TO QUIT!
ONE GETS WHAT ONE DESERVES.
ISN'T THAT SO, MISETTE?

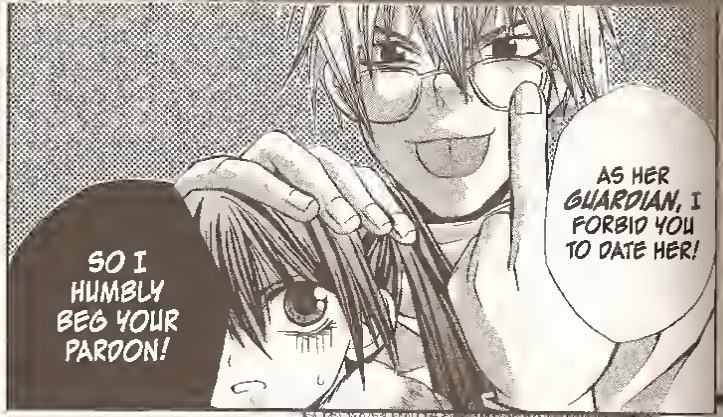

I TIRE OF YOUR EXCUSES.
BUT THAT MAN WAS GOING TO FORCE ME...

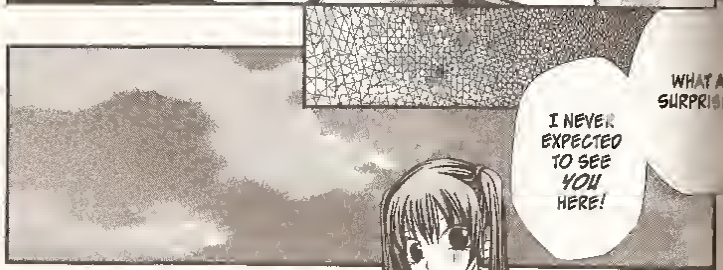
YOU JUST STOOD THERE AND WATCHED WHILE A WOMAN GOT BEATEN ON?
ALTHOUGH I WON'T BLAME YOU, I'M UNIMPRESSED BY YOUR BEHAVIOR.


...BUT THIS WOMAN WAS SELLING HER BODY FOR MONEY.
I'M SORRY TO SPEAK OF SUCH THINGS IN FRONT OF SUCH AN INNOCENT GIRL LIKE YOU...


...DISGUSTING, YOU SAY?
THAT'S RIGHT.
SHE MAKES ME WANT TO THROW UP.

A SINFUL WOMAN LIKE HER DOESN'T DESERVE SALVATION.
SHE'S DISGUSTING.


SO I HUMBLY BEG YOUR PARDON!
AS HER GUARDIAN, I FORBID YOU TO DATE HER!


WHAT A SURPRISE!
I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE YOU HERE!

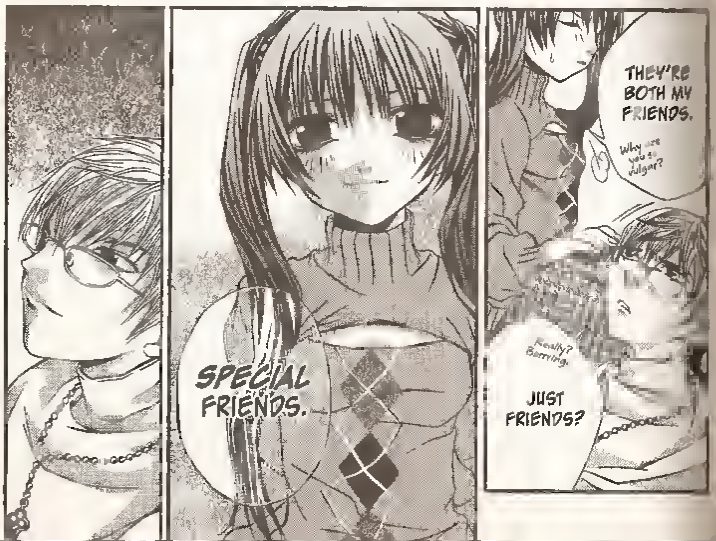
Hoo hoo!
MY NAME IS JELICE BRYAH.
AS YOU CAN SEE, I AM A FABULOUS PRIEST.
HE'S MY FATHER'S FRIEND...AND KIND OF LIKE AN OLDER BROTHER TO ME.

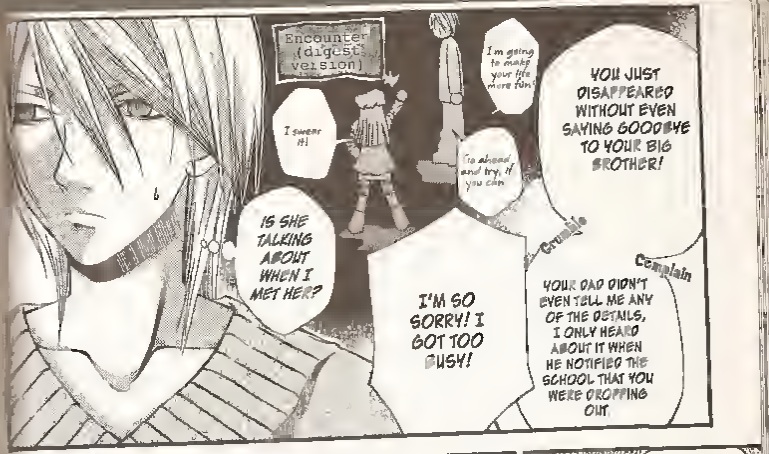
UGH! YOU MAKE ME SICK!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO USE YOUR RELIGION TO PREY ON GIRLS, DO IT SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN MY PARISH!
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH! HAVE YOU NO SHAME?!

Eeek!!
WELL THEN...
I SEE YOU REALLY WANT TO CHALLENGE ME, DO YOU?
?
I AM SIMPLY SEEKING THE WELFARE OF HER SOUL.
WHAT RELIGION SHE FOLLOWS IS UP TO HER FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FATHER.

Ember rested
TONIGHT WE CELEBRATE WITH KALBI AND BEER!
Yay!
I CAN'T WAIT TO TASTE THAT JUICY MEAT!
IS THIS GUY REALLY A PRIEST?
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT YOU FINALLY GOT YOURSELF A MAN!
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT TWO AT ONCE?! YOU FINALLY GOT OVER YOUR FATHER COMPLEX?!

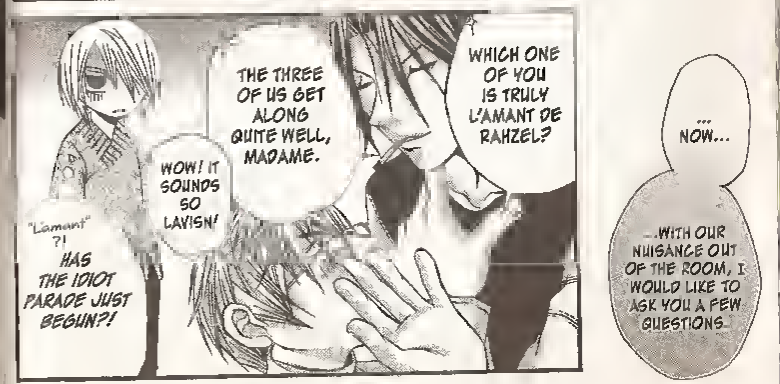

SPECIAL FRIENDS.
THEY'RE BOTH MY FRIENDS.
Why are you so vulgar?
Really? Boring.
JUST FRIENDS?


Encounter (digest version)
I'm going to make your life more fun!
I swear it!
Go ahead and try, if you can
IS SHE TALKING ABOUT WHEN I MET HER?
I'M SO SORRY! I GOT TOO BUSY!
YOU JUST DISAPPEARED WITHOUT EVEN SAYING GOODBYE TO YOUR BIG BROTHER!
Crumble
Complain
YOUR DAD DIDN'T EVEN TELL ME ANY OF THE DETAILS, I ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT WHEN HE NOTIFIED THE SCHOOL THAT YOU WERE DROPPING OUT.

WAIT, SO THIS ABBEY IS A GAY BAR?
IT'S ALL ABOUT POPULARITY! LIKE AT A NIGHT BAR, THE HOST WHO CATERS TO THE MOST CUSTOMERS WINS!
SHUT UP!! RELIGION PROVIDES AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE!
YOUR PENANCE FOR THAT REMARK IS BUNGEE JUMPING, NAKED!
BY THE WAY, HOW COME YOU'RE HERE, JELICE?
DID YOU GET FIRED FROM THE PRIESTHOOD OR DEMOTED OR SOMETHING?
I WAS SENT OUT TO PROSELYTE FOR MORE FOLLOWERS.
IT SOUNDS LIKE A BUSINESS.
Priests are like migrant workers?

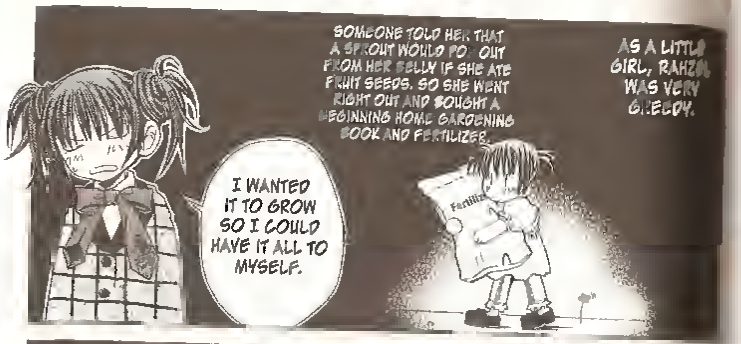
THAT'S RAHZEL AS YOU KNOW HER, IS IT?
OR GETTING MAD FOR NO DISCERNABLE REASON.
SHE'S ALWAYS SMILING WITHOUT ANYONE'S HELP.
I SHOULD STOP KIDDING AROUND.
I'M RELIEVED TO SEE HER SMILING SO HAPPILY
THANK YOU FOR BEING GOOD FRIENDS TO HER.
SHE WASN'T CUTE AT ALL, THOUGH SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.
SHE WASN'T LIKE SHE IS NOW. HER HAIR WAS SHORTER.
REALLY? I'M SURPRISED.
WHEN I MET HER FOR THE FIRST TIME, SHE WAS A CHILD WHO NEVER SMILED AT ALL.
Clip Art
OF COURSE...
...IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD FOR HER TO SMILE AFTER SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED...

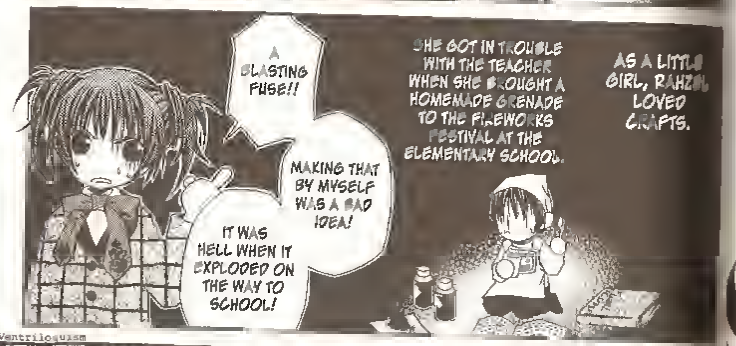
I HOLD GRUDGES FOREVER.
YOU STILL REMEMBER THAT?!
BY THE WAY, COULD YOU GO FETCH ANOTHER CUP FOR ME?
I LIKE SCONES WITH MY TEA. BAKE THEM IN THREE SECONDS!
SINCE WHEN AM I YOUR SERVANT?!
WAAHHH! I HATE YOU, JELICE! YOU YOU GAY RADISH!
I EXPECT A GENEROUS DASH OF CLOTTED CREAM AND JAM, GOT IT?
WHAT A DUMB PARTING SHOT...
She must not have any idea what she's saying at this point
TODAY I'M YOUR GUEST! SO TREAT ME LIKE ONE! HOW ABOUT SOME HOSPITALITY?!
YOU SURE YOU WANT HOSPITALITY FROM A GUY WHO ONLY MAKES "SECOND-RATE" TEA?
?

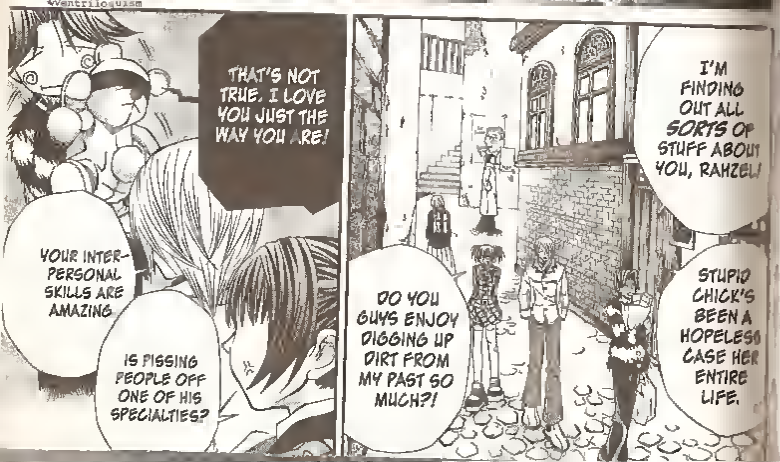

WHICH ONE OF YOU IS TRULY L'AMANT DE RAHZEL?
THE THREE OF US GET ALONG QUITE WELL, MADAME.
WOW! IT SOUNDS SO LAVISH!
"Lamant" ?!
HAS THE IDIOT PARADE JUST BEGUN?!
...NOW...
...WITH OUR NUISANCE OUT OF THE ROOM, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS.

I'M WAITING.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
HEY...
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

I'M GOING TO TELL THEM ALL ABOUT YOU! ABOUT ALL THE EVIL THINGS YOU DID IN YOUR CHILDHOOD!!
Yeah!
I WANNA KNOW! I WANNA KNOW RAHZEL'S SECRETS!
SHE USED TO HATE GOING TO THE BATHROOM BY HERSELF --
EEEEK!! STOP RIGHT THERE!
So, me- thinking like what?
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE! YOU SCALDED MY DELICATE SKIN!
THE FUNDAMENTAL PART OF MAKING GOOD TEA IS THE BOILED WATER.
BY THE WAY, I'LL SERVE COLD MILK, SINCE WARM MILK SUCKS.
I NEVER ASKED HOW YOU MAKE YOUR TEA!


I WANTED IT TO GROW SO I COULD HAVE IT ALL TO MYSELF.
SOMEONE TOLD HER THAT A SPROUT WOULD POP OUT FROM HER BELLY IF SHE ATE FRUIT SEEDS. SO SHE WENT RIGHT OUT AND BOUGHT A BEGINNING HOME GARDENING BOOK AND FERTILIZER.
AS A LITTLE GIRL, RAHZEL WAS VERY GREEDY.


A BLASTING FUSE!!
MAKING THAT BY MYSELF WAS A BAD IDEA!
IT WAS HELL WHEN IT EXPLODED ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL!
SHE GOT IN TROUBLE WITH THE TEACHER WHEN SHE BROUGHT A HOMEMADE GRENADE TO THE FIREWORKS FESTIVAL AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
AS A LITTLE GIRL, RAHZEL LOVED CRAFTS.

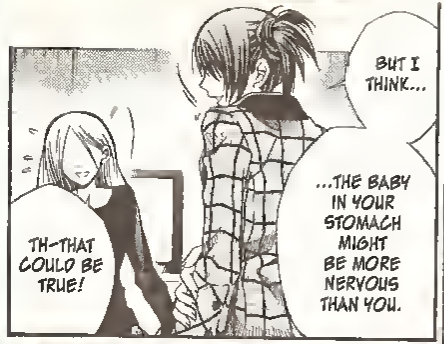

Ventriloquism
THAT'S NOT TRUE. I LOVE YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE!
YOUR INTERPERSONAL SKILLS ARE AMAZING.
IS PISSING PEOPLE OFF ONE OF HIS SPECIALTIES?
I'M FINDING OUT ALL SORTS OF STUFF ABOUT YOU, RAHZEL!
DO YOU GUYS ENJOY DIGGING UP DIRT FROM MY PAST SO MUCH?!
STUPID CHICK'S BEEN A HOPELESS CASE HER ENTIRE LIFE.

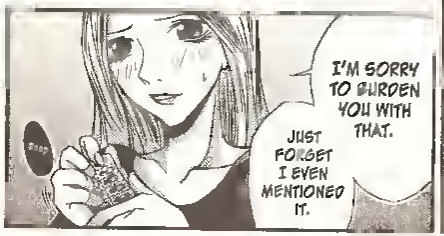
Chapter 19: Angel Text--Part 2: Cynical Bad Trip

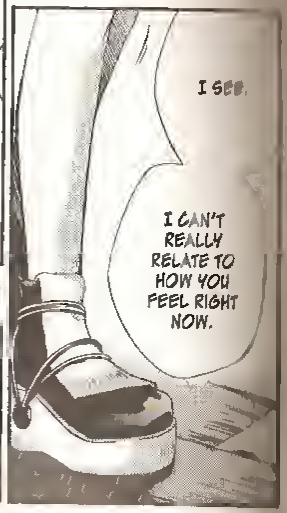
AH!
DON'T JUST WATCH! GO HELP HER!
YOU'RE THE GIRL FROM YESTERDAY?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
NOW YOU GOT IT?
LET ME EXPLAIN. "PERVERT" IS SHORT FOR "PERVERTED SEXUAL FRUSTRATION."
NO IT DOESN'T!
WHO PUT THESE WORDS HERE?!
WAIT!!
WAI--
HUH...?
Geez, let's invite her for dinner or something!
DON'T TALK NONSENSE! LET'S GO!!

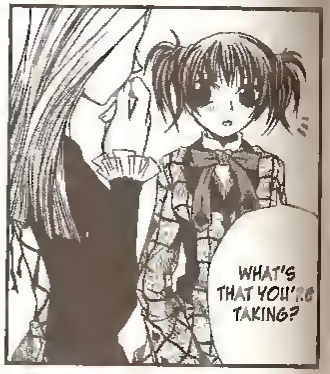
WHAT'S WRONG, ALZEID?
WELL... LOOK OVER THERE...
SO YOU USED TO SAY YOUR FATHER MAKES THE BEST TEA IN THE WORLD?
.....!
I GET IT NOW. THAT'S WHY THAT QUEER'S TEA WAS THE SECOND-BEST FOR YOU.
YOU TRULY ARE DADDY'S GIRL.
PLEASE STOP! I'M SCARED! I'M REALLY SCARED, NOW!
AAAAHH... AAAAHH...
IS IT THAT HARD TO KEEP FROM LAUGHING?
What is she doing?
IRN AROUND O SHOW US OUR FACE WHEN YOU DO THAT.
OH! THE WOMAN FROM YESTER-DAY!

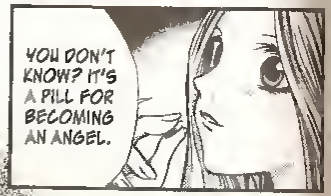
WHY?
AREN'T YOU DISGUSTED BY ME?
YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT MY LINE OF WORK, RIGHT?
SO THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT!
EH HEH HEH... ♡
YOU JUST NEEDED SOMEBODY TO CARRY GROCERIES!
HAVE YOU EVER SLEPT WITH A MAN BEFORE?
Eeek!
NO WAY!!
I SEE. YOU ARE STILL A CHILD.
I HEAR IN SOME COUNTRIES, PROSTITUTES ARE HIRED AS CIVIL SERVANTS.
IT PAYS THE BILLS, DOESN'T IT?
BUT WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...
...I'D ALREADY STARTED DOING THIS FOR MONEY.
IT WAS MY ONLY CHOICE, IF I WANTED TO SURVIVE.
OH! DON'T WORRY! IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE SOME DISEASE OR ANYTHING!
FRUIT IS ALL I CAN EAT.
MY BODY CAN'T HANDLE ANYTHING ELSE RIGHT NOW.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ALL THIS FRUIT?

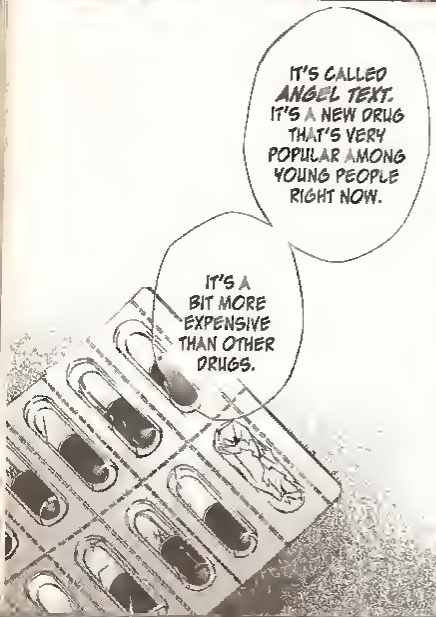

BUT I THINK...
...THE BABY IN YOUR STOMACH MIGHT BE MORE NERVOUS THAN YOU.
TH-THAT COULD BE TRUE!


I'M SORRY TO BURDEN YOU WITH THAT.
JUST FORGET I EVEN MENTIONED IT.

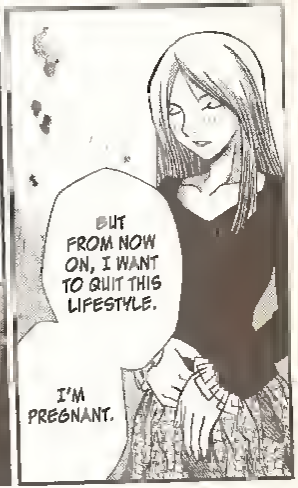

I SEE.
I CAN'T REALLY RELATE TO HOW YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW.

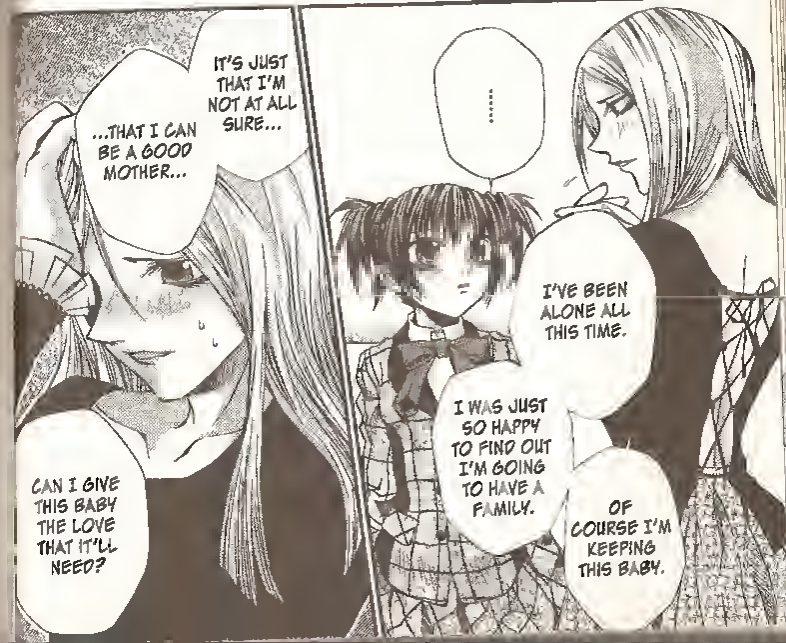

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE TAKING?


YOU DON'T KNOW? IT'S A PILL FOR BECOMING AN ANGEL.

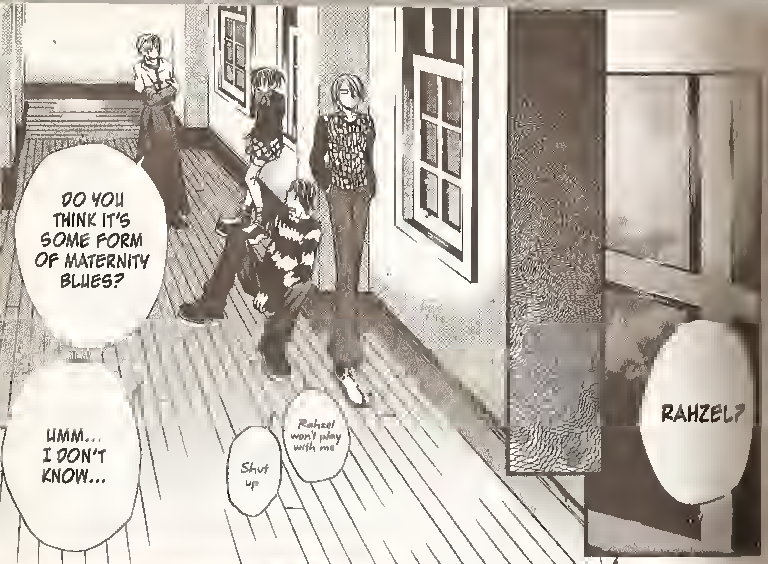

IT'S CALLED ANGEL TEXT. IT'S A NEW DRUG THAT'S VERY POPULAR AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE RIGHT NOW.
IT'S A BIT MORE EXPENSIVE THAN OTHER DRUGS.

WOW!! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A BABY?!
I DON'T KNOW WHO THE FATHER IS.


I'M PREGNANT.
BUT FROM NOW ON, I WANT TO QUIT THIS LIFESTYLE.


.....
I'VE BEEN ALONE ALL THIS TIME.
I WAS JUST SO HAPPY TO FIND OUT I'M GOING TO HAVE A FAMILY.
OF COURSE I'M KEEPING THIS BABY.
IT'S JUST THAT I'M NOT AT ALL SURE...
...THAT I CAN BE A GOOD MOTHER...
CAN I GIVE THIS BABY THE LOVE THAT IT'LL NEED?

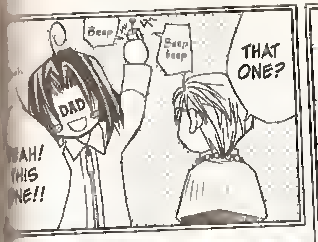
...RATHER THAN "DOTING FATHER" IT WOULD BE "DOODERING IDIOT."
THAT'S NOT WHAT I SAID.
I ASKED WHAT KIND OF HUMAN COULD RAISE A CREATURE LIKE RAHZEL.
I SEE. IF I USED ONE PHRASE TO DESCRIBE HIM...
LITTLE BOY AL, THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE SAME QUESTION...
BUT I FEEL SO LIGHT AND HAPPY AFTER TAKING IT.
I CAN BE MORE POSITIVE...
...AND I CAN BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE LIKE ME STILL DESERVES TO LIVE.
THAT'S A NON-STANDARD SCALE.
HIS STUPIDITY LEVEL ON A SCALE OF ONE TO FIVE WOULD BE A 13.
YES. HE'S AN IDIOT.
Don't take him so seriously!
IDIOT...?
That makes a lot of sense... or none at all.
Mm hmm.
YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT RAHZEL'S FATHER?
I TALKED TO HIM RIGHT AFTER RAHZEL LEFT ON HER JOURNEY...
I DIDN'T KICK HER OUT. I SENT HER TO TRAVEL AROUND.
If you love your child set her free right?
Same difference!
WHAT IF SHE GETS IN TROUBLE ?!
YOU KICKED RAHZEL OUT?!
I'VE GOT A CURFEW, SO I'M GOING HOME. SEE YA.
ANYWAYS, STOP TAKING THIS AT LEAST UNTIL YOUR BABY IS BORN HEALTHY.


DO YOU THINK IT'S SOME FORM OF MATERNITY BLUES?
UMM... I DON'T KNOW...
Rahzel won't play with me
Shut up
RAHZEL?

?
ARE YOU FEELING SAD BECAUSE OF THAT?
YOU'RE SUCH A KID...

HUH? THIS?
ANYWAY, WHAT'S THAT?

BUT I COULDN'T TELL HER...
...THAT EVERYTHING'S GOING TO WORK OUT FINE.


Beep
Beep beep
DAD
THAT ONE?

Beep beep

DON'T WORRY! I'M TOTALLY PREPARED!
DAD
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, I'VE GOT THIS MICROPHONE/ RADIO TRACKING DEVICE TO PUT INTO HER BAG TO SHOW ME HER WHEREABOUTS..

LIFE DOESN'T ALWAYS GO THE WAY YOU WANT, YOU KNOW?
Heh heh
That was punishment for planning to steal her
I FORGOT...
It didn't hurt that much
I'M SURE A KID HAS TO GET MORE RESPONSIBLE ON HER OWN WHEN HER FATHER IS SO DUMB--
HELLO, EVERYONE! I'M BACK!
Don't badmouth my father!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! GET RID OF IT RIGHT NOW!
YEAH. I WANT HER TO QUIT AT LEAST WHILE SHE'S PREGNANT.
THAT DOESN'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM!
I GOT MAD AT HER FOR USING THIS WITHOUT CONSIDERING HOW IT MIGHT AFFECT THE FETUS.
I JUST TOOK IT AWAY FROM HER AND CAME STRAIGHT HERE. SHOULD I RETURN IT?
Am I a thief now?
--NOT!!
PLEASE DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE USING IT!
DON'T WORRY. IT'S NOT MINE.
WOW! IT SOUNDS LIKE A DREAM! ♡
IT'S A PILL TO BECOME AN ANGEL!
IT'S AMAZING!
THEY CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT THEM, EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW THEY'RE POISONING THEMSELVES.
BUT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SLEEP WITHOUT SLEEPING PILLS AND OTHERS WHO CAN'T WAKE UP WITHOUT STIMULANTS.
DRUGS ARE SO BAD FOR THE BODY AND THE FIGURE, AND I HATE THEM, TOO.
BUT WHAT IS "STRENGTH"?
ESPECIALLY RIGHT NOW, SHE HAS TO BE STRONG IF SHE WANTS TO BECOME A MOTHER!
THAT DOESN'T EXCUSE CONTINUING TO TAKE DRUGS.
YOU'RE SO UNBELIEVABLY NOT CUTE! WHO DO YOU THINK CHANGED YOUR DIAPERS?!
I THINK IT MUST'VE BEEN SOMEONE BESIDES YOU!
THANK GOD!
I DON'T RECALL COMING OUT OF SOME QUEER'S STOMACH...
YOU'RE SO EVIL AND COLD! YOU CAN'T JUST GO TAKING STUFF THAT'S NOT YOURS?!
GOD! PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR CREATING THIS STUPID KID!

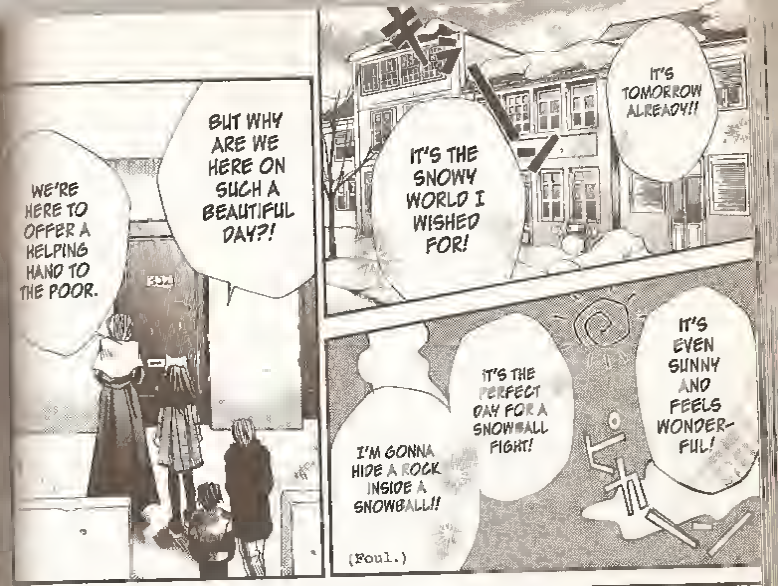
Clop Clop Clop Clop Clop Clop
HER FOOTSTEPS ERASED THE SERIOUS ATMOSPHERE.
HER SHOES ARE MADE OF WOOD AND THEY'RE REALLY HEAVY AND HARD... ERR, I MEANT TO SAY..
...AL, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO RUINED THE MOOD.
You're right
.....
RAHZEL...?
I'M SORRY...I TOOK IT OUT ON YOU.
I'M GOING TO COOL MYSELF DOWN OUTSIDE.
BESIDES, ISN'T THIS ISSUE TABOO TO TALK ABOUT WITH HER?
IT'S NORMAL FOR A GIRL OF HER AGE TO BE UNBALANCED.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I ACTUALLY EAVES-DROPPED...
And she found me out too
SO, BAROQUEHEAT, YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, DO YOU?
I SEE.

HOW DOES ONE BECOME "STRONG"?
IS THERE A QUANTIFIABLE WAY LIKE WITH BUILDING MUSCLES?
HOW AND WHAT SHOULD WE TRAIN?
THAT'S SUCH A NAIVE QUESTION.
BESIDES, YOU'RE ALREADY STRONG, AREN'T YOU?
THEN TELL ME. I WANT TO BECOME STRONGER TOO.
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU FORGOT HOW I USED TO BE.
Tsk
I BELIEVE YOU'RE GROWING UP TO BE A GOOD PERSON, BUT YOU STILL HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES..
DON'T YOU DARE!

STRONGER...
I'LL GIVE YOU THE POWER THAT YOU DESERVE...
...FOR YOUR PROUD SOUL.
BE STRONGER, RAHZEL...
AH...!
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO CAN SUPPORT HER WEAKNESS...
THEN LISTEN, RAHZEL...
JUST GIRL TALK! ♡
WHO WAS IT WHO DECIDED KILLING PEOPLE WAS BAD?
SHE'S CLUMSY LIKE THAT.
SHE HAS ALWAYS KEPT HER WORRIES TO HERSELF.
SHE DOESN'T TREAT HERSELF KINDLY ENOUGH.
DON'T GET ME WRONG. SHE'S A STRONG GIRL.
SHE'S A PERSON WHO CAN TAKE ON THE WEAKNESSES OF OTHER PEOPLE.

LET'S MAKE A SNOWMAN, TOO!
I'M SO EXCITED!
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?
I WAS UNCOMFORTABLE GOING BACK BY MYSELF.
You rescued me!
She looks as if...
...She could get crushed so easily...
She's strong?
Who's strong?
NOTHING.
Isn't she just pretending to be tough?
IT'S SNOWING!!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL! I HOPE WE'LL GET A THICK BLANKET OF IT TONIGHT!
LET'S HAVE A SNOWBALL FIGHT TOMORROW!!
.....
DON'T BE CONFUSED.
I'M SORRY.
DON'T APOLOGIZE.
YOU'RE GOING TO CATCH A COLD.
YOU ARE.
THANKS FOR COMING TO GET ME.

ANYWAY, DON'T YOU SMELL SOMETHING?
IT...IT REEKS OF BLOOD...


WE'RE HERE TO OFFER A HELPING HAND TO THE POOR.
BUT WHY ARE WE HERE ON SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY?!
IT'S TOMORROW ALREADY!!
IT'S THE SNOWY WORLD I WISHED FOR!
IT'S EVEN SUNNY AND FEELS WONDERFUL!
IT'S THE PERFECT DAY FOR A SNOWBALL FIGHT!
I'M GONNA HIDE A ROCK INSIDE A SNOWBALL!!
(Foul.)

SHUT UP!
THERE'S NO ANSWER. NOBODY'S HERE!
HUH, SHE WAS SERIOUS ABOUT MAKING A SNOWMAN.
LET'S GO MAKE A SNOWMAN!

GUESS I WASTED MY TIME WORRYING ABOUT HER.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I'M DOING THIS FOR LOVE.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR ABSTRACT REASON.
...WHY AM I HERE?
I DON'T CARE WHY YOU'RE HERE. YOU'RE STILL HALF-ASLEEP ANYWAYS.
HELLO! ANYBODY HOME?

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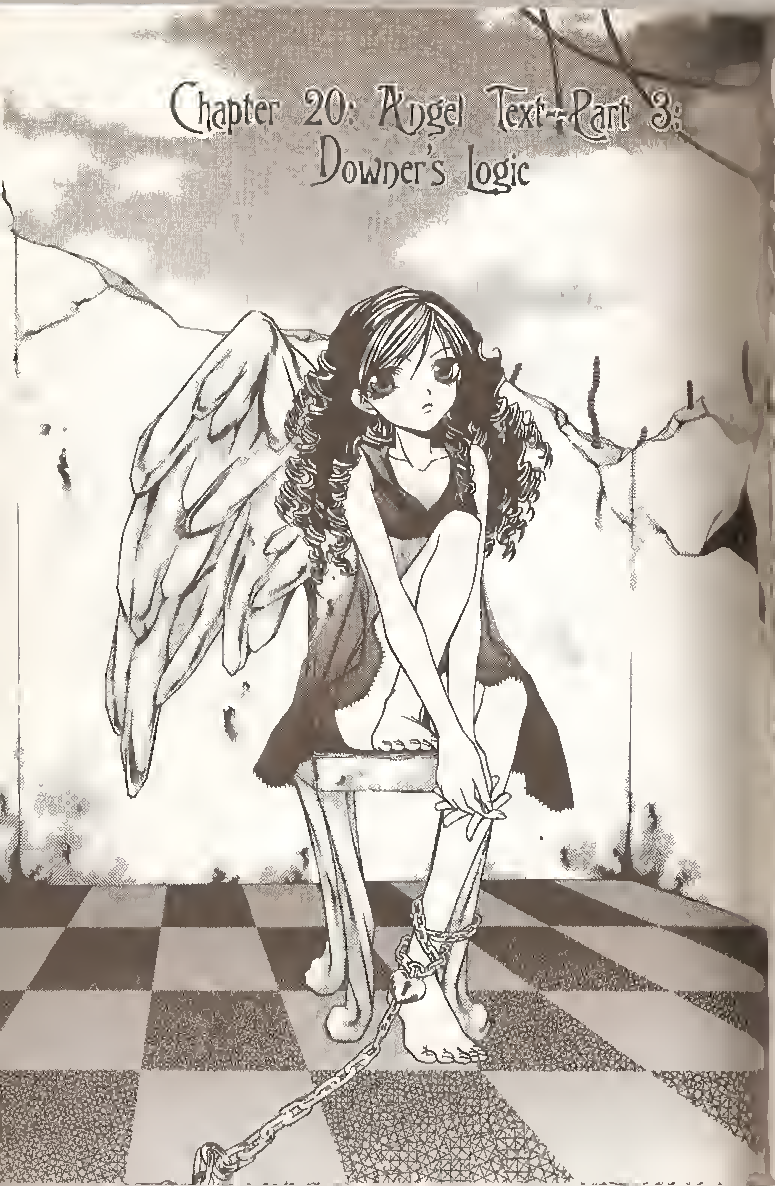
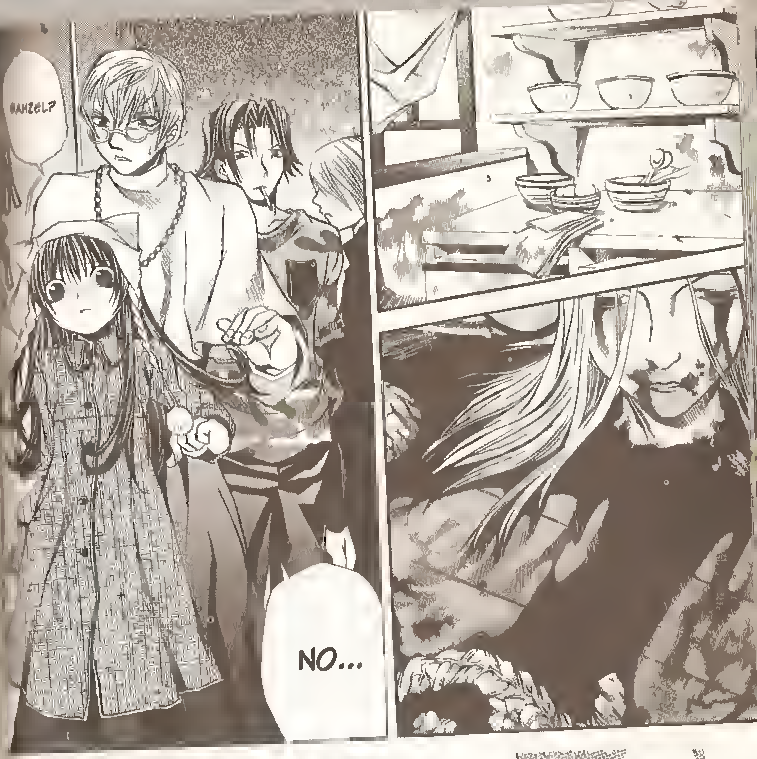
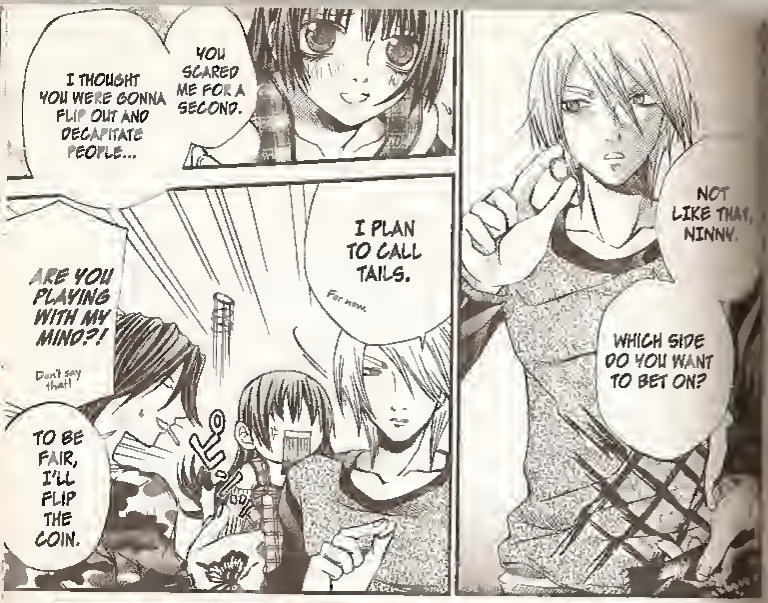
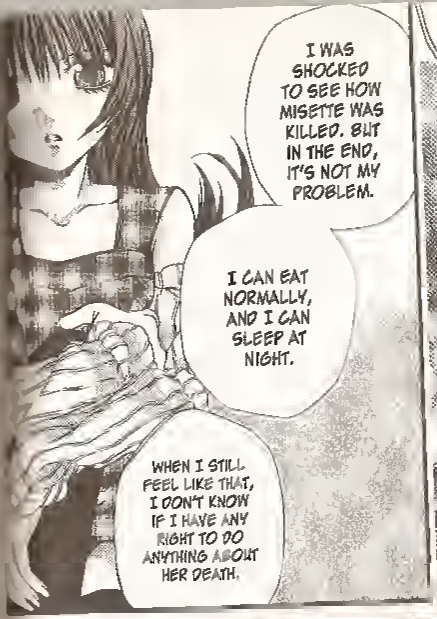


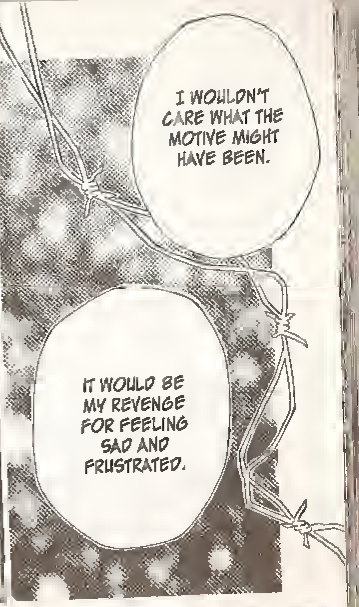


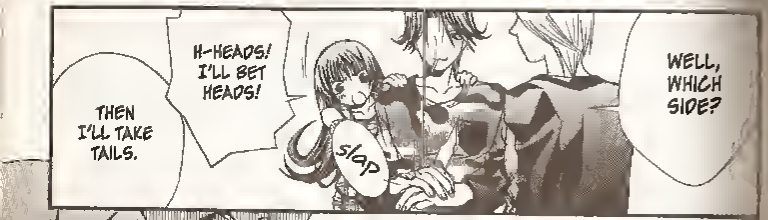
AFTER THAT...I DON'T KNOW.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO AFTER YOU CATCH WHOEVER DID IT?
KILL HIM? TURN HIM OVER TO THE POLICE?
FIRST I WANT TO BEAT HIM UP.
IF YOU GUYS WERE MURDERED LIKE THAT...
...I'D FIND AND KILL THE PERSON WHO DID IT.
?
DON'T DO ANYTHING.
YOU DON'T NEED TO FUSS ABOUT THE DEATH OF A STRANGER YOU BARELY KNEW.
I KNOW
THAT'S WHY I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

YEAH. THANKS.
I'M OKAY.
ARE YOU THIRSTY?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, RAHZEL?
.....
Want me to change your mind?
.....
Umm...
WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU REALLY WANT TO SAY.
-INSTANT ANSWER-
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU...
NO!

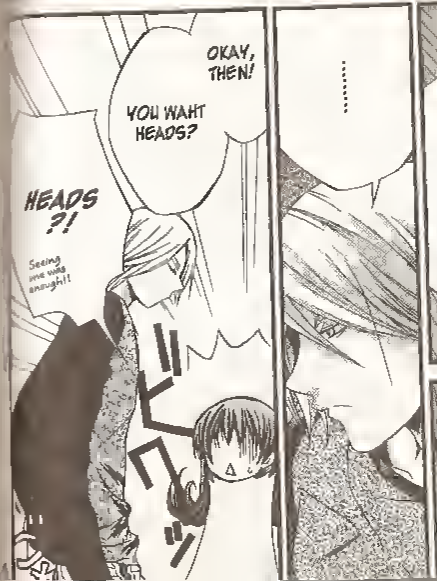

I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA FLIP OUT AND DECAPITATE PEOPLE...
YOU SCARED ME FOR A SECOND.
ARE YOU PLAYING WITH MY MIND?!
Don't say that!!
I PLAN TO CALL TAILS.
For now.
TO BE FAIR, I'LL FLIP THE COIN.
NOT LIKE THAT, NINNY.
WHICH SIDE DO YOU WANT TO BET ON?


I WAS SHOCKED TO SEE HOW MISETTE WAS KILLED. BUT IN THE END, IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM.
I CAN EAT NORMALLY, AND I CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT.
WHEN I STILL FEEL LIKE THAT, I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE ANY RIGHT TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT HER DEATH.


I WOULDN'T CARE WHAT THE MOTIVE MIGHT HAVE BEEN.
IT WOULD BE MY REVENGE FOR FEELING SAD AND FRUSTRATED.


WELL, WHICH SIDE?
H-HEADS! I'LL BET HEADS!
THEN I'LL TAKE TAILS.
slap

-TAILS-
HOW COULD YOU WASTE MY EFFORT LIKE THAT?
You have such bad luck in games!
WAAAH! NO WAY! I'M SORRY! LET'S DO IT AGAIN!


OKAY, THEN!
YOU WAHT HEADS?
HEADS ?!
Seeing me was enough!!
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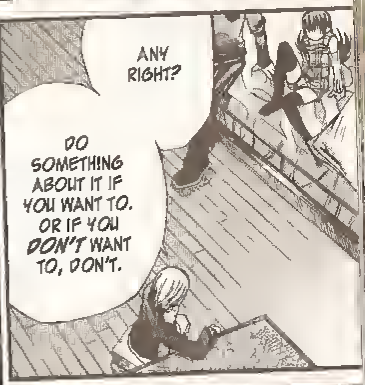
ANY RIGHT?
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT IF YOU WANT TO. OR IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, DON'T.

JUST LIKE YOU, HUH?

HAVE SOME CONSIDERATION FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO BE WITH YOU.
YOU'RE SUCH A TROUBLE-MAKER.
Grrrr
rrrrr!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS ACT WITHOUT THINKING?
WHY DON'T YOU USE THAT BRAIN OF YOURS MORE OFTEN?
Grr
rrr.
WHY?!
STICKING YOUR HEAD IN OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS IS A BAD HABIT.
YOU SHOULD QUIT BEFORE YOU CAUSE MORE TROUBLE FOR OTHER PEOPLE.
GIMME TEN DAYS!
YOU'D BETTER GET STARTED.
THREE DAYS.
I'LL GIVE YOU THREE DAYS...
...TO TAKE CARE OF THIS MATTER.
THE ADDRESS OF SYNCHRONIC CENTURY?
Oh?
I DON'T WANNA HEAR ANY MORE!
HEY! WAIT!!
AREN'T YOU GOING WITH THEM?
NOPE. NOT ME.
FIVE P.M. IS YOUR CURFEW!
ALL RIGHT!
See you later!
YOU CAN'T GO THERE.
I MAY BE ABLE TO FIND SOME INFORMATION ABOUT MISETTE'S DEATH.
WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO GO THERE?
DO YOU KNOW, JELICE?

WELCOME TO THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF SYNCHRONIC CENTURY.
ARE YOU HERE FOR A TOUR?
PLEASE COME WITH ME... JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE...
I KINDA WANT TO GO HOME NOW.
WELCOME
I'D LIKE TO SEE MR. FENNEL.
DO YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT?
NO.
NO. I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM THIS PLACE.
WHERE TO?

...UMM... WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
NO THANKS.
I'M GOING TO BED.
WHY?
I'M TIRED.
I SEE...
HOW CAN I DESCRIBE IT...?
IT'S SUCH BAD TASTE.
THE WALLS ARE PINK. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?!
I KNOW. WHAT SHOULD I SAY...?

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HE HAS GOOD TASTE--
GWAH?!
YOU'RE DEFINITELY PRETTY, THOUGH.
UNFORTUNATELY, DEE IS OUT RIGHT NOW.
DO YOU WANT TO WAIT HERE?
NO. I'LL COME BACK ANOTHER TIME.
OKAY.
SEE YOU LATER.
...WHO DOES THE SAME THING I USUALLY DO?
♡
WHY DO I GET ANNOYED BY SOMEONE...
ISN'T IT CALLED "LIKE BEGETS HATE"?
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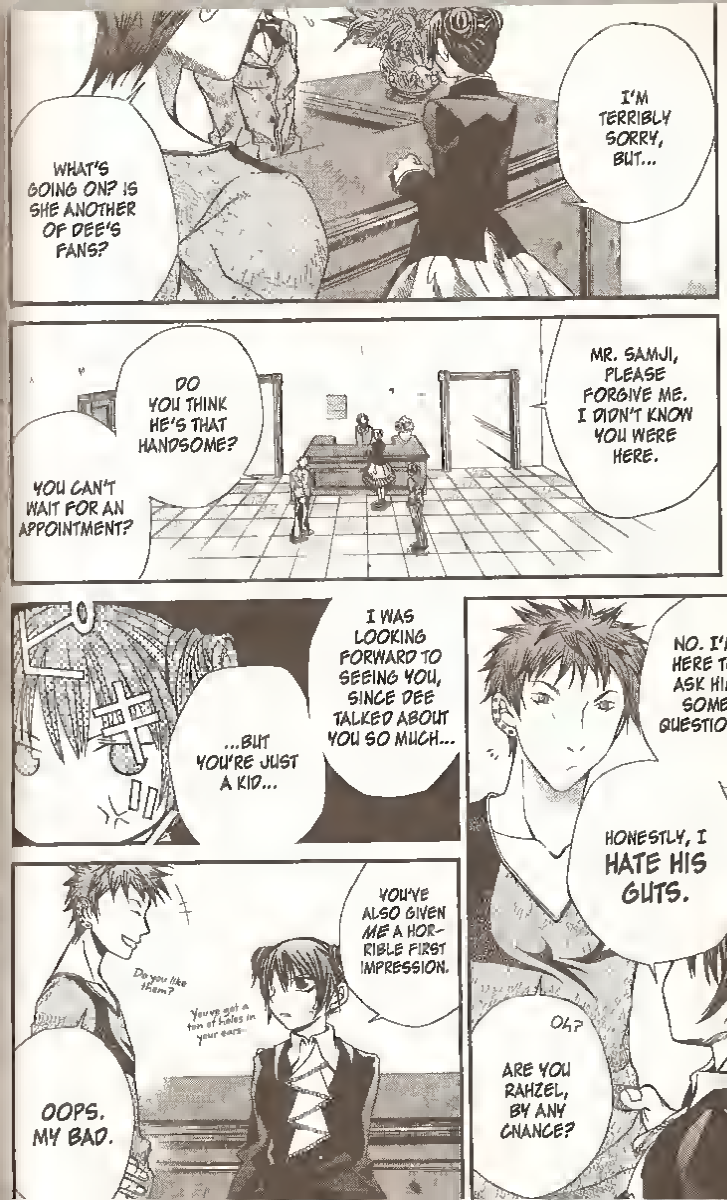

WHAT'S GOING ON? IS SHE ANOTHER OF DEE'S FANS?
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, BUT...
YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR AN APPOINTMENT?
DO YOU THINK HE'S THAT HANDSOME?
MR. SAMJI, PLEASE FORGIVE ME. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE.
...BUT YOU'RE JUST A KID...
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU, SINCE DEE TALKED ABOUT YOU SO MUCH...
OOPS. MY BAD.
Do you like them?
You've got a ton of holes in your ears.
YOU'VE ALSO GIVEN ME A HORRIBLE FIRST IMPRESSION.
NO. I'M HERE TO ASK HIM SOME QUESTIONS.
HONESTLY, I HATE HIS GUTS.
OH?
ARE YOU RAHZEL, BY ANY CHANCE?

I COULD JUST PUT OFF THINKING ABOUT THAT UNTIL I GET TO THAT POINT...
!
I WONDER IF I CAN REALLY CATCH THE CULPRIT?
WHAT... AM I GOING TO DO, TIER CATCHING HIM?
HEY, THAT'S THE GUY WHO WAS WITH MISETTE THAT DAY.
SHOULD I FOLLOW HIM...?
BUT I'VE GOT A CURFEW...
...AND I HAVE TO COOK DINNER...
.....
IT'S DARK...
SORRY, EVERYONE!!
I THINK I'LL GO GROCERY SHOPPING FOR DINNER.
DO YOU WANNA GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT?
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT?
WE STILL HAVE SOME FREE TIME.
ALL RIGHT. HAVE FUN SHOPPING.
SORRY.
I'LL COME ALONG AND CARRY THE GROCERIES FOR YOU.
NO, IT'S FINE.
GO PICK UP CHICKS.
THREE DAYS...
THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME.
HE'S REALLY PICKING UP CHICKS...
I REALLY WANT SOME TIME TO THINK BY MYSELF RIGHT NOW.
PLEASE.

WHY DON'T YOU ASK RAHZEL HERSELF?
STRANGE... IT'S ALREADY AFTER 6 P.M
I WONDER IF SHE'S LOST AGAIN...
I SHOULD HAVE STAYED WITH HER UNTIL SHE GOT HOME.
HOW MANY HOURS DID I SLEEP FOR?
Knock! Knock!
AL! HAVE YOU SEEN RAHZEL?
NO...
(I just woke up)
YOU'RE SOOO ON YOUR OWN.
THEN WHY SHOULDN'T I JUST LEAVE YOU TO GET FRUSTRATED BY YOURSELF?
OH... YOU THINK SHE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO ASK HER? HOW SWEET OF YOU.
YOU GUYS GET ALONG WELL, DON'T YOU?
YOU EAVESDROPPED, DIDN'T YOU?
And what's with the "sooo"?
PLEASE FORGET THAT PART! ♡
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT HER?
AND YOU SEEM TO BE ENJOYING YOUR LIFE
OH NO! ALZEIDY, ARE YOU JEALOUS?
Or of me?
Of Rahzel?

I HOPE SHE'S NOT IN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE.
AREN'T YOU OVERREACTING?
SHE CAN TAKE PRETTY GOOD CARE OF HERSELF.
I KNOW... BUT...
...LATELY THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF FEMALE MISSING PERSON CASES AROUND HERE.
BUT I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO LOOK FOR HER.
SHE MUST HAVE JUST GOTTEN SIDETRACKED SOMEWHERE.
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THOUGHT, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST STAY?
I WAS BORED.
ANY SIGN OF HER?
NOT YET...

EVERYONE HAS ONE OR TWO SECRETS THEY NEVER WANT TO REVEAL TO OTHERS.
BUT THEY ALSO WANT AT LEAST ONE PERSON TO ACCEPT EVERYTHING ABOUT THEM...
...NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY SUFFER OR HOW PAINFUL IT GETS.
ALZEID.
DON'T YOU FEEL THE SAME?
I...
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU GUYS.
HAVE YOU SEEN RAHZEL?
SO SHE'S NOT HOME YET?
NO.
I'M THINKING ABOUT GOING TO LOOK FOR HER

YOU WERE EATING DINNER WHILE WE WENT ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE ALL AROUND TOWN LOOKING FOR YOU?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
Slap!
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO GET SO IRRITATED BY YOU LIKE THIS?!
I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU GUYS WOULD WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT ME...
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
DON'T EVER COME BACK TO ME!!
ARE YOU GUYS LOOKING FOR ME?
I can't believe she's really here!
ACCORDING TO MY TOP-SECRET RAHZEL REPORT, WHENEVER SHE GETS LOST, SHE MUST END UP SOMEWHERE WHERE...
DON'T WORRY!!
...SHE CAN SMELL FOOD!!
THEREFORE, I SENSE HER AROUND THIS AREA--
Probably maybe!!
OH, HEY, GUYS! WHAT'S GOING ON?
HE BOUGHT ME DINNER. HE SEEMS LIKE A NICE GUY.
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T TELL YOU GUYS...
SORRY.
WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN?
THIS MAN DIDN'T WANT TO TALK TO ME UNLESS FOOD WAS INVOLVED.

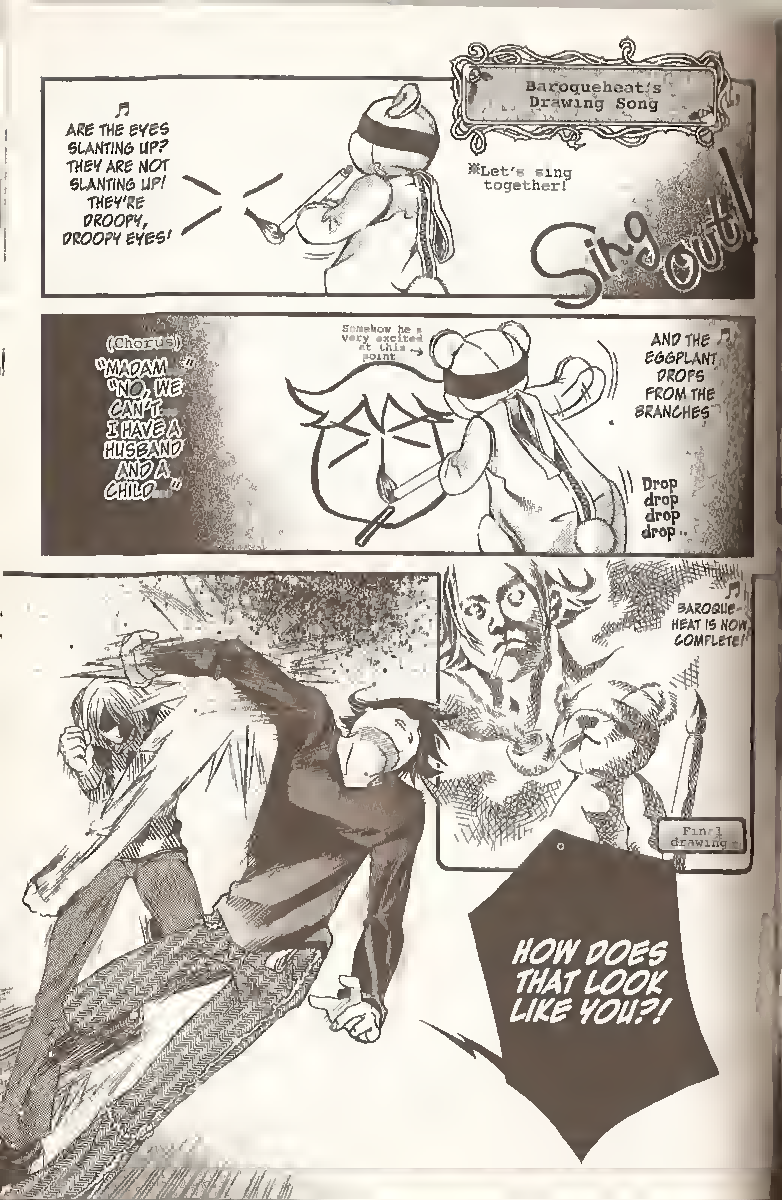
THEN I'LL BID FAREWELL TO YOU RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT!
UGH!! YOU STUPID JERK!
!!!!!
I GET IT! LOUD AND CLEAR!
SHUT UP!!
OH NO... WHY'D YOU ATTACK HER LIKE THAT?
SHE MAY BE THE REASON YOU GOT IRRITATED...
...BUT THAT'S HARDLY HER FAULT.
EXCUSE ME FOR INTERRUPTING, BUT...
...WHO THE HELL IS THIS GUY?
He was trying to assault me so I had to hit him.
OH, THAT GUY WAS PIMPING THOSE HOS.
NO HE'S A BAD GUY!!
I'M SURE HE WAS PLANNING ALL KINDS OF DISGUSTING THINGS.
HE MAY KNOW SOME PERVERTS WITH A THING FOR KIDS, Y'KNOW?
OH MY GOD! I WONDER WHAT THIS DIRTY MAN WAS GOING TO DO WITH RAHZEL?!
BUT WHATEVER YOUR PLAN WAS...
...YOU GOTTA GO THROUGH HER MANAGER IF YOU WANNA USE HER!
I can hardly wait
to get some exercise
LET'S MOVE TO SOMEWHERE QUIETER.
YOU GET ME?
BAROQUE-HEAT, WOULD YOU CUT IT OUT?
TIT...
...FOR TAT.

WHO'S A JERK? EXCUSE ME?! HE WAS VERY GENTLE WITH ME TODAY!
ALZEID CAN SNAP YOUR HEAD OFF AT THE NECK IF HE REALLY SLAPS YOU WITH HIS FULL STRENGTH!!
Like this!!
He can do that?!
I THINK IT'S DISGUSTING FOR A MAN TO HIT A WOMAN.
I SEE... SO...?
HE SOUNDS LIKE A JERK.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? SHOULD I GO BACK AND APOLOGIZE TO HIM...?
GETTING SLAPPED HUMILIATED ME WAY MORE...
...THAN GETTING PUNCHED WOULD HAVE.
WHETHER HE REALLY MEANT TO SAY...
WHAT WOULD I DO?
MISS RAHZEL!
THAT REALLY HURT MY FEELINGS
AAAHH! I CAN'T DECIDE!
UGH, FEELS LIKE THE ONLY THING I'VE SAID ALL DAY LONG IS "WHAT SHOULD I DO?"
"DON'T COME BACK TO ME"
HOLD IT, I'M NOT ATTACKING YOU...
The king?!
YOU'RE THE KING OF DISGUSTING MEN!
SHUT UP! HE DOESN'T DESERVE TO BE CALLED DISGUSTING BY YOU!
IF YOU WANT TO TALK, I'M A GOOD LISTENER.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK SO SAD.
MR. FENNEL ...
I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY ABSENCE EARLIER WHEN YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO MY OFFICE TO SEE ME.
?
I DIDN'T THINK YOU TWO WERE RELATED...
DON'T YOU GET MAD WHEN SOMEONE TALKS ILL ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?
Honestly, I was actually glad...
...to know I have someone who can scold me seriously
GO THE HELL AWAY! ASSHOLE! ♡
I'M FINE!
WHAT A HARSH THING TO SAY WITH SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SMILE...

I'M GOING TO APOLOGIZE TO HIM
...UNTIL HE GIVES UP AND SAYS "THAT'S ENOUGH!"
AND I'LL MAKE SURE HE ALSO APOLOGIZES TO ME FOR SLAPPING ME.
THANKS FOR LISTENING TO ME.
I'M GOING BACK NOW.
WHAT'S WRONG?
I want to be...
...that serious to someone sometime...
HE'S SOMEONE WHO...
...IS WAITING FOR ME TO COME HOME.
I'LL APOLOGIZE.
WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU GET BACK?
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH
I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING NOW.
I'LL FREAK YOU OUT BY APOLOGIZING LIKE CRAZY!
WATCH OUT, ALZEID! I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU FORGIVE ME!
IS APOLOGIZING A FIGHT TO YOU?
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE PLACE I HAVE RIGHT NOW.
SO I'LL FIGHT FOR IT.
THAT'S RIGHT!
EH?
BUT I'M GLAD TO FIND OUT THAT YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AS I HOPED.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO WITH YOU IF YOU WERE ONLY BEAUTIFUL OUTSIDE.

POOR GIRL. YOU MUST HAVE SUFFERED A LOT.
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
NOT AT ALL MY FATHER WAS THERE FOR ME
I DIDN'T SUFFER AT ALL.
HE MUST BE VERY DEAR TO YOU.
AND NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO FORGET ALL ABOUT NIM.
...TWO YEARS...
ONE YEAR...
SLOWLY, WE'RE GOING BACK TO YOUR PAST.
NOW, PLEASE LOOK AT THIS FLAME.

HMM...
...MY ANGEL?
DAMMIT!
DAMMIT! DAMMIT!
DAMMIT!!
I'M GONNA KILL YOU ALL!


Baroqueheat's Drawing Song
♫ ARE THE EYES SLANTING UP? THEY ARE NOT SLANTING UP! THEY'RE DROOPY, DROOPY EYES!
*Let's sing together!
Sing out!
(Chorus) "MADAM..." "NO, WE CAN'T. I HAVE A HUSBAND AND A CHILD..."
Somehow he's very excited at this point
♫ AND THE EGGPLANT DROPS FROM THE BRANCHES
Drop drop drop drop..
♫ BAROQUE-HEAT IS NOW COMPLETE!
Final drawing
HOW DOES THAT LOOK LIKE YOU?!

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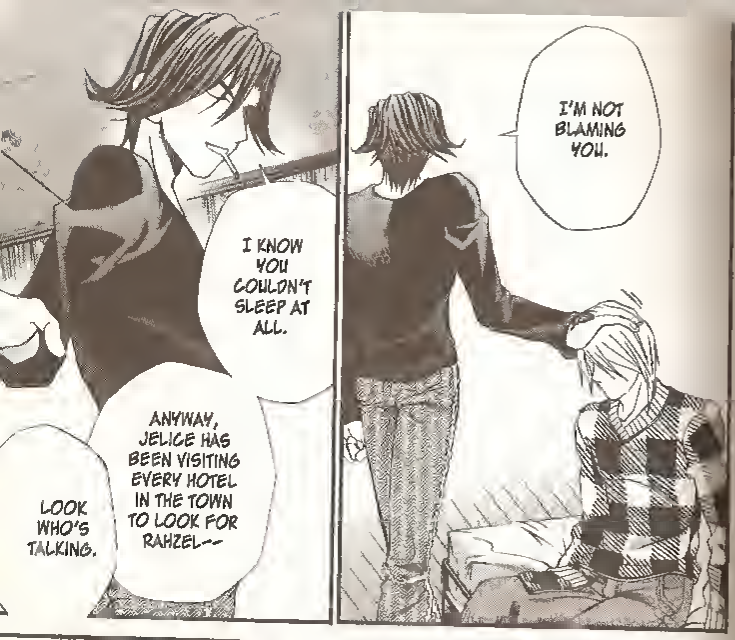
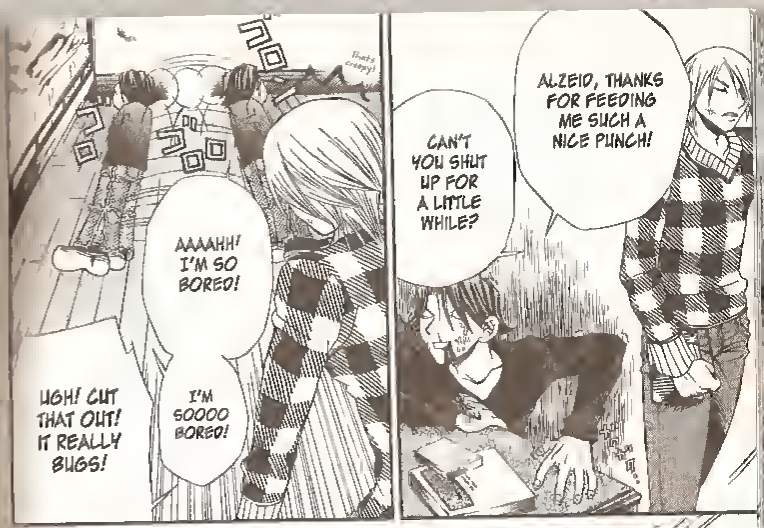

I'M NOT BLAMING YOU.
I KNOW YOU COULDN'T SLEEP AT ALL.
ANYWAY, JELICE HAS BEEN VISITING EVERY HOTEL IN THE TOWN TO LOOK FOR RAHZEL--
LOOK WHO'S TALKING.

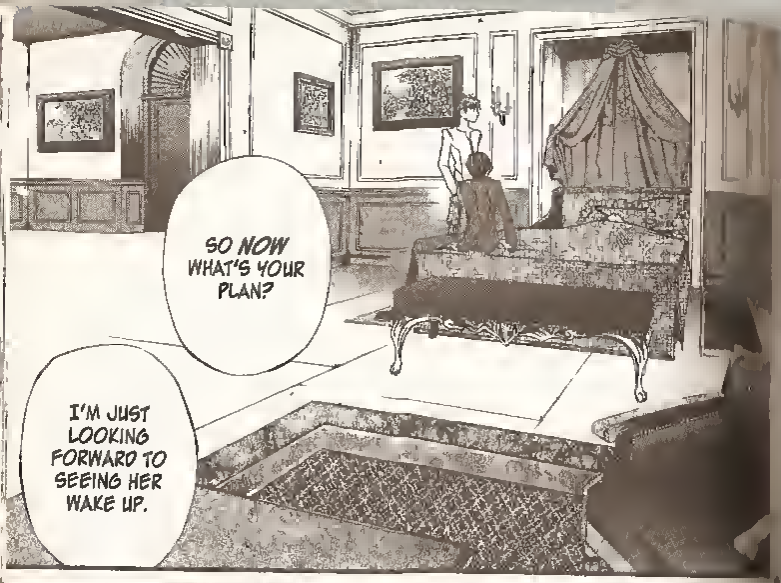
I'M FINE.
BUT RAHZEL WOULD--
I'M BACK.
ANY LUCK?
SHE DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE.
I KNOW FOR A FACT...
...THAT YOU CAN'T SLEEP EITHER.


That's creepy!
AAAAHH! I'M SO BORED!
UGH! CUT THAT OUT! IT REALLY BUGS!
I'M SOOOO BORED!
ALZEID, THANKS FOR FEEDING ME SUCH A NICE PUNCH!
CAN'T YOU SHUT UP FOR A LITTLE WHILE?

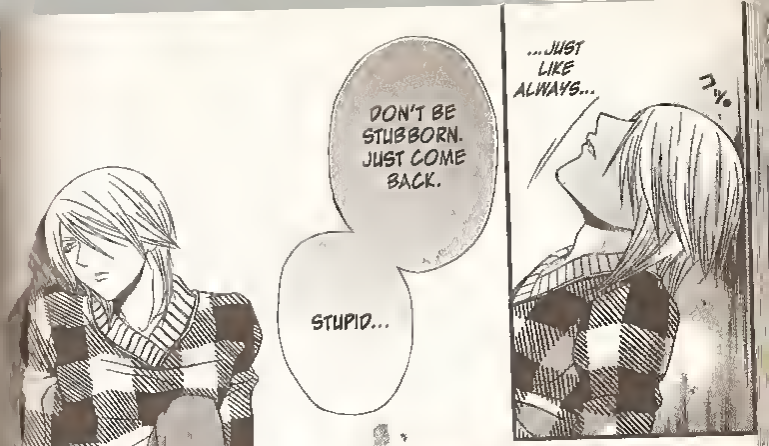
SHUT YOUR DAMN TRAP!
And that's not what I said!
OH NO! WE ARE VERY, VERY WORRIED ABOUT HER
ALZEID GAVE RAHZEL A COLOSSAL WHACK TO THE FACE...
...AND SAID, "DIE IN A DITCH, STUPID CHICK!"
THE STORY SO FAR
Whisper

I WISH SHE'D QUIT BEING STUBBORN AND JUST COME BACK.
BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW SHE FEELS RIGHT NOW.
SOMEONE SAID "DON'T EVER COME BACK!" TO HER...SO HARSH.
I KNOW. "DON'T EVER COME BACK!" SOUNDS SO CRUEL.
YOU GUYS SURE YOU'RE NOT BLAMING ME?!
Sigh
Sigh
SHE MUST BE HUNGRY BY NOW.
IS SHE HERE YET?
!
YOU'RE BOTH MAKING SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF THIS!
SHE'LL COME BACK WHEN SHE GETS HUNGRY.
OH YEAH...
BY THE WAY, WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO SAY EARLIER?
Grrrowwl...
THAT WHENEVER I COME HOME IN THE MORNING AFTER PARTYING ALL NIGHT...
...USUALLY I QUIETLY GO STRAIGHT TO BED, SINCE YOU GUYS ARE SLEEPING!
BUT WHENEVER I WAKE UP AFTER THAT, IT'S TO AN ANGRY RAHZEL.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO AT NIGHT, BUT PROMISE TO TELL ME WHEN YOU GET BACK!
WAKE ME UP IF I'M SLEEPING!
I PROMISE TO TELL YOU "WELCOME BACK!" NO MATTER HOW SLEEPY I AM!
I WANNA SAY "WELCOME BACK."
I JUST WANT TO BE NICE TO HER, THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE CARES SO MUCH ABOUT IT.
SO I'M GOING TO TRY TO STAY AWAKE UNTIL SHE WAKES UP ON HER OWN.
So the cool result is that you don't want me to go out at night?
And after that I'll beat the crap out of you.
Duuu- I get woken up
PLUS I CAN EARN SOME POINTS WITH HER, ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE'S HURT LIKE RIGHT NOW--
WOULD YOU GET OFF THAT SUBJECT ALREADY?!
Eeek!

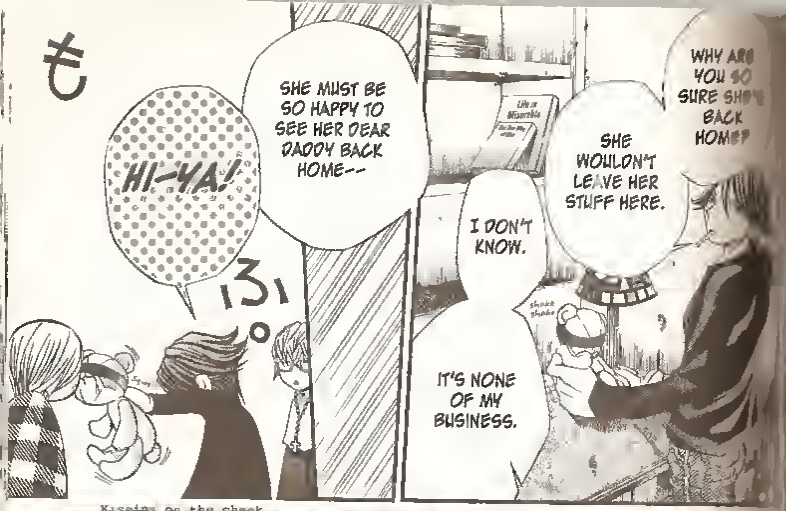
WITH A CRANKY LOOK ON HER FACE...
SHE'LL BE STANDING RIGHT BY THE DOOR IN A SECOND...
SUIT YOURSELF.
HOW COME THEY WANT TO FIND HER SO BADLY?
THEY'RE JUST WASTING THEIR TIME.
SHE ALWAYS COMES BACK ON HER OWN.
SHE ALWAYS GETS THE COMPULSION TO APOLOGIZE BEFORE ANYONE ELSE.
I'M NOT GOING.
YOU'RE A NATURAL CYNIC.
ANYWAYS, WHY DON'T WE GO OUT AGAIN AFTER EATING A CRAPPY ABBEY MEAL?
AND RAHZEL CAN COOK SOMETHING BETTER FOR US AFTER WE FIND HER.
SHE MIGHT HAVE GONE BACK HOME.
WHAT IF SHE DIO...?
ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP TRAVELING WITHOUT HER?

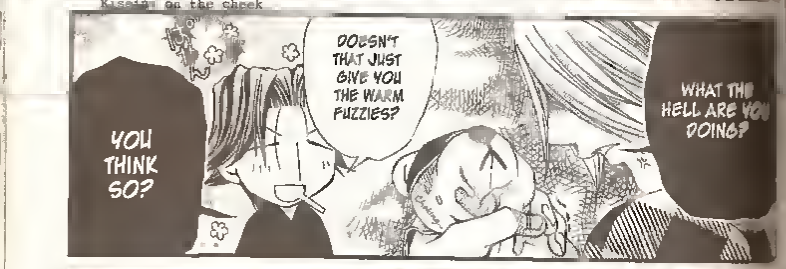

SO NOW WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
I'M JUST LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HER WAKE UP.

THOSE PEOPLE HAD NO RIGHT TO BE CHOSEN.
I ONLY REGRET THE RESULT.
I DON'T CARE MUCH ABOUT THEM.
YOU SEEM INFATUATED BY THIS ONE, SO I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS TO MYSELF.
JUST TRY NOT TO DO ANYTHING ELSE CRAZY, SINCE I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO DO THE CLEANUP.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

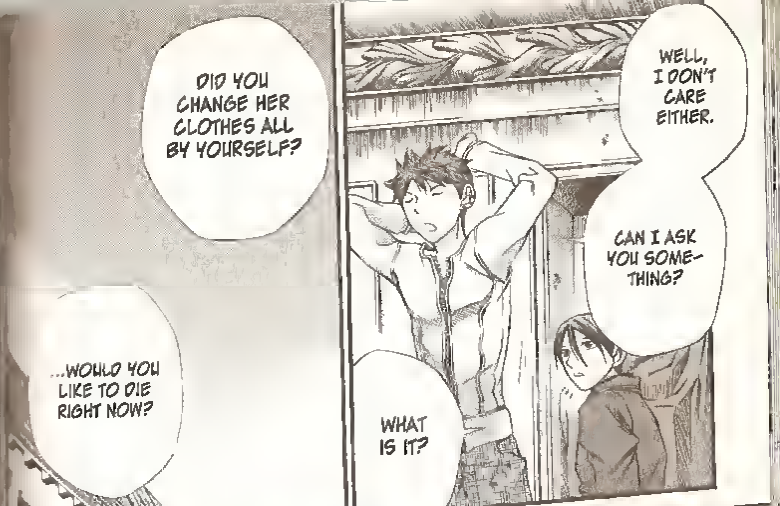

DON'T BE STUBBORN. JUST COME BACK.
STUPID...
...JUST LIKE ALWAYS...

WOW. SHE'S SLEEPING SO DEEPLY.

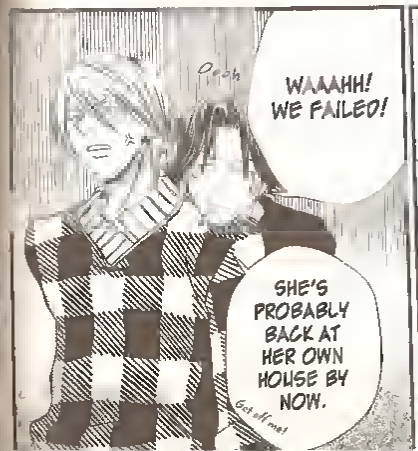

HI-YA!
SHE MUST BE SO HAPPY TO SEE HER DEAR DADDY BACK HOME--
I DON'T KNOW.
SHE WOULDN'T LEAVE HER STUFF HERE.
WHY ARE YOU SO SURE SHE'S BACK HOME?
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS.

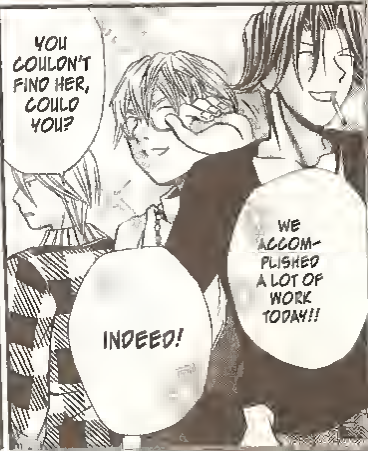

Kissing on the cheek
YOU THINK SO?
DOESN'T THAT JUST GIVE YOU THE WARM FUZZIES?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

I KNOW THE MEASUREMENTS OF RAHZEL'S BODY!!
Konk


DID YOU CHANGE HER CLOTHES ALL BY YOURSELF?
...WOULD YOU LIKE TO DIE RIGHT NOW?
WELL, I DON'T CARE EITHER.
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
WHAT IS IT?

OH, IT'S ALREADY NIGHTTIME...


Ooh
WAAAHH! WE FAILED!
SHE'S PROBABLY BACK AT HER OWN HOUSE BY NOW.
Get off me!


YOU COULDN'T FIND HER, COULD YOU?
INDEED!
WE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT OF WORK TODAY!!

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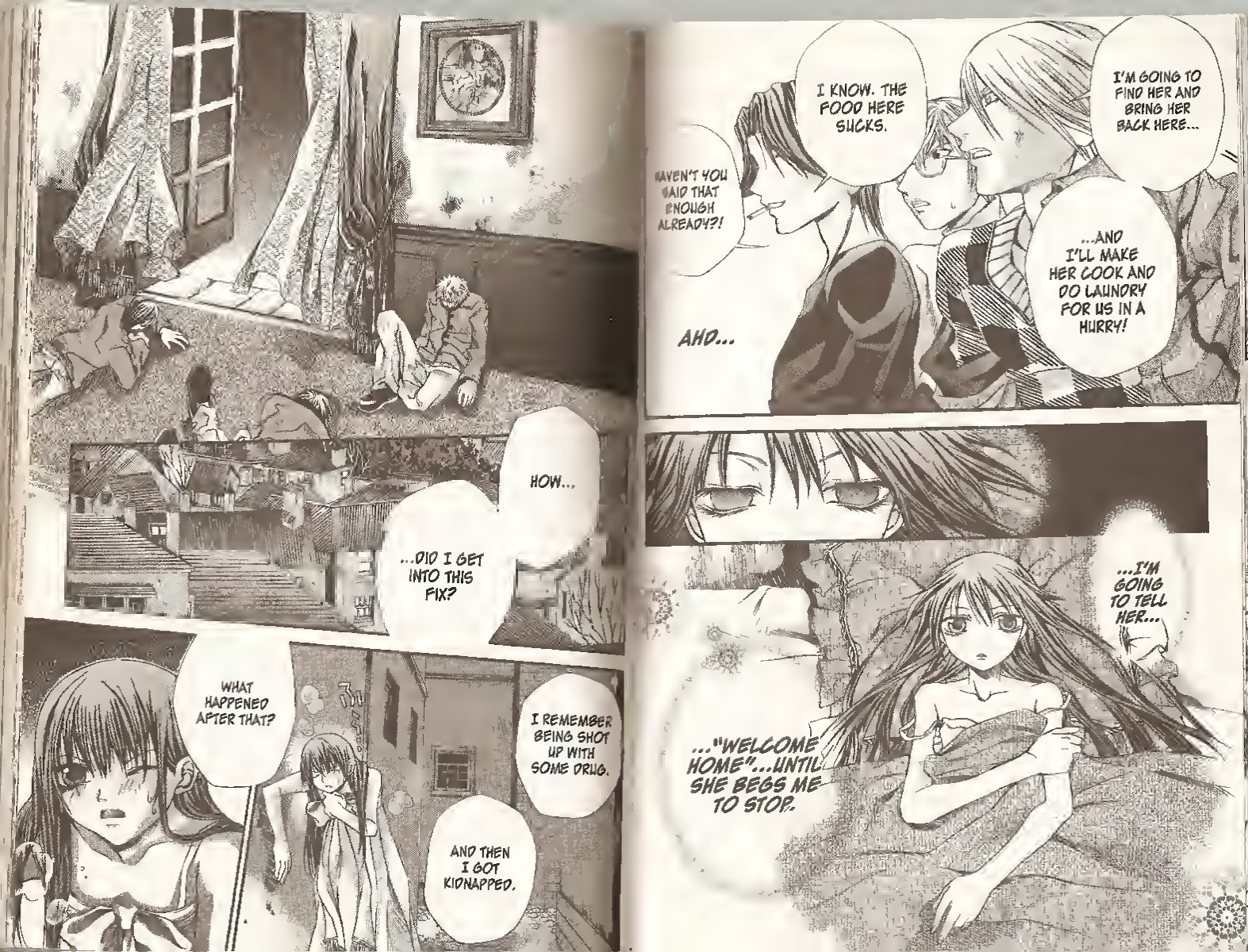
I KNOW MORE ABOUT HER THAN ANYONE!
I'VE KNOWN HER LONGER THAN YOU HAVE!
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...CAN'T YOU SHUT UP ALREADY?
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!
THEN I'M COMING WITH YOU. ♡
I'M GOING OUT!
MY, WHAT A NARCISSIST..
?
AND I'M NOT COMING BACK UNTIL I FIND THAT IDIOT!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
I KNOW WHAT KIND OF TEA SHE LIKES.
I KNOW ABOUT HER FRIENDS AT SCHOOL.
I KNOW HOW MUCH SHE CARES ABOUT US.
RAHZEL HAS NEVER TALKED ABOUT ANY OF THAT SPECIFICALLY.
BUT I...
..WATCHED... TOUCHED... LISTENED TO... EVERYTHING ABOUT RAHZEL...
I PUT *EFFORT* INTO GETTING TO KNOW HER.
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE JEALOUS OF ME...
..WHEN YOU'RE LIKE A KID WHO'S JUST WAITING FOR HER TO DO THINGS FOR YOU.
WHY'D YOU HIT ME...?
TO WAKE YOU UP FROM YOUR DELUSION.
THOUGH I REGRET HAVING TO TOUCH YOU


HOW...
...DID I GET INTO THIS FIX?
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?
I REMEMBER BEING SHOT UP WITH SOME DRUG.
AND THEN I GOT KIDNAPPED.
I'M GOING TO FIND HER AND BRING HER BACK HERE...
I KNOW. THE FOOD HERE SUCKS.
HAVEN'T YOU SAID THAT ENOUGH ALREADY?!
AHO...
...AND I'LL MAKE HER COOK AND DO LAUNDRY FOR US IN A HURRY!
...I'M GOING TO TELL HER...
..."WELCOME HOME"...UNTIL SHE BEGS ME TO STOP.

Chapter 22: Angel Text--Part 5. Melancholic Tranquilizer

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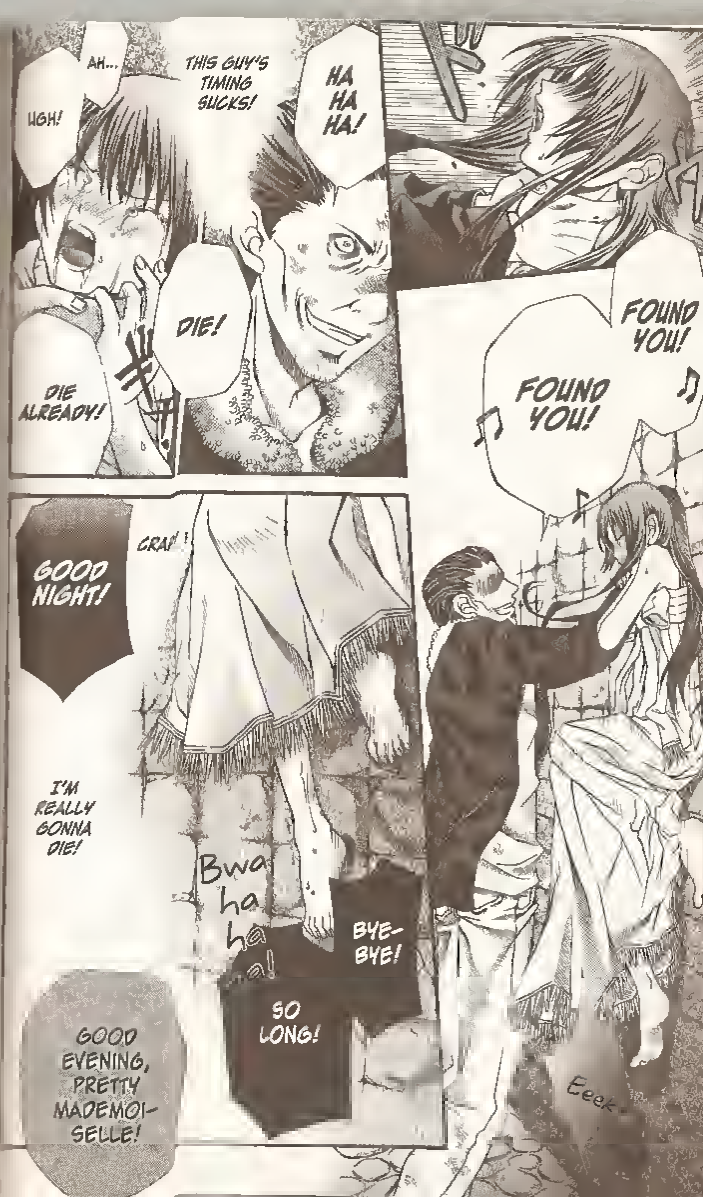
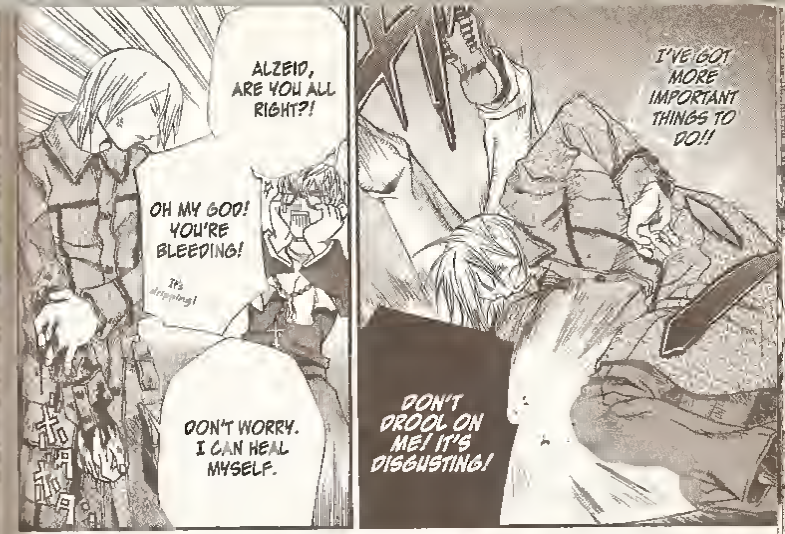
AS YOU WISH, MONSIEUR!
I FEEL LIKE I'M ABOUT TO DIE!
BUT SERIOUSLY... HELP!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING AT THIS LATE HOUR?
MIND IF I TAG ALONG?
WHO CARES?! ESTO ES UN LAPIZ!
WHY ARE YOU GUYS STILL KIDDING AROUND?!
WHAT'S WITH THE MADEMOISELLE AND MONSIEUR?
OH MY GOD! HER FOREHEAD'S BURNING UP!
Grrr!
HAVE YOU FLIPPED YOUR LID?


AH...
THIS GUY'S TIMING SUCKS!
HA HA HA!
UGH!
DIE!
DIE ALREADY!
FOUND YOU!
FOUND YOU!
GOOD NIGHT!
CRA!
I'M REALLY GONNA DIE!
Bwa ha ha a!
BYE-BYE!
SO LONG!
GOOD EVENING, PRETTY MADEMOISELLE!
Eeek

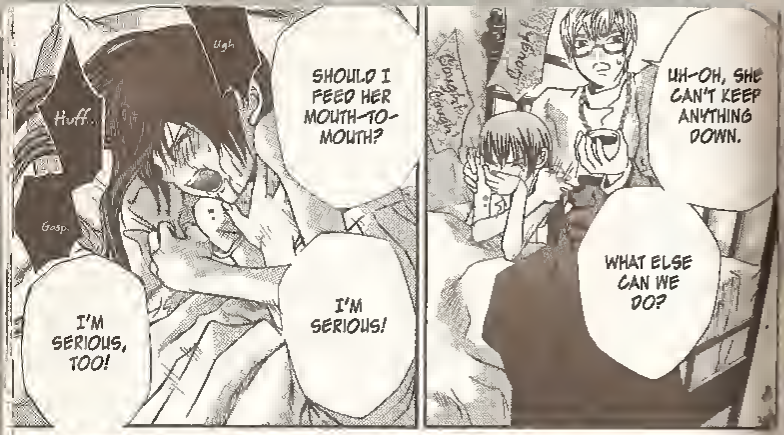
I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE TOO BUSY TO HANG OUT WITH YOU.
SO TAKE A HIKE--
!!
UGH!
WHAT A PASSIONATE ATTACK! ♡
WOW! ALZEID'S SUCH A POPULAR GUY!
SHUT UP!
WHAT IS THIS STRENGTH ?
HE WASN'T NEARLY THIS STRONG BEFORE
YOU...
...BASTARD...
WELL, NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW.

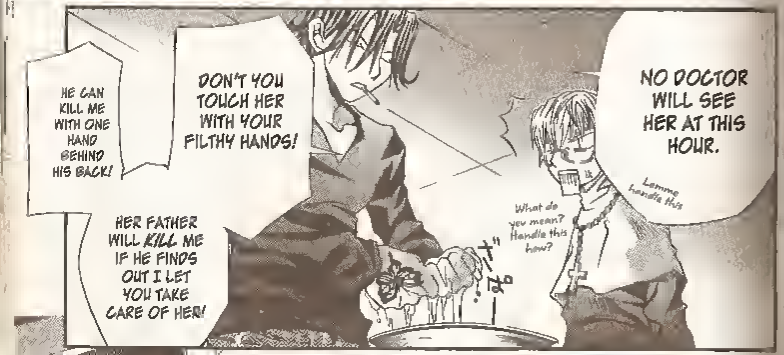
I'M SORRY!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
ARE YOU STUPID? DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW...!
.....
Tch!
HEY, ALZEID.
JUST APOLOGIZE TO HER LATER.
SHE JUST WANTED TO MAKE ME FEEL GUILTY.
WE NEED TO GIVE HER A LECTURE, TOO.
...WAIT, YOU...
WHY NOT SPEND A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH ME?
HUH?

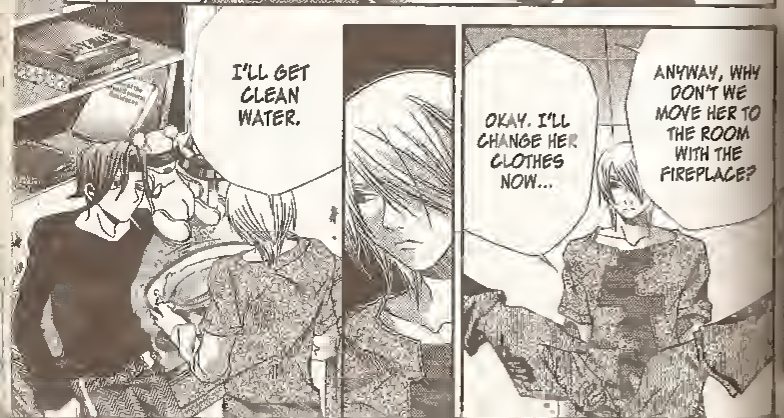
GWAAHH!!
Munch Munch
HA HA...
Munch
DIE...
DIE...
...URK?!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

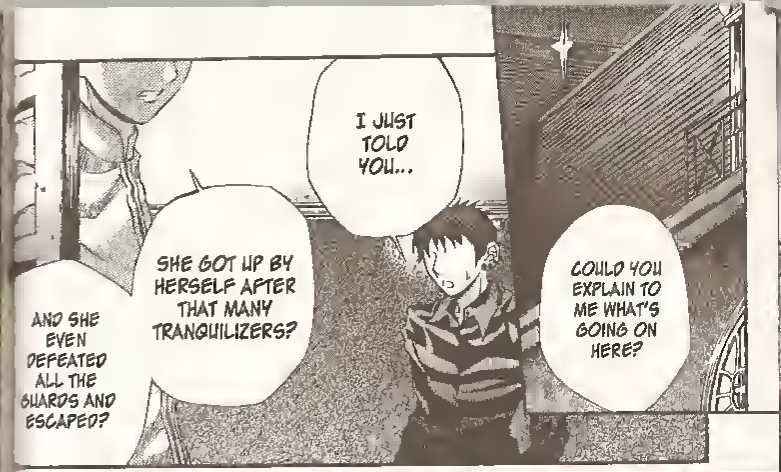

ALZEID, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
OH MY GOD! YOU'RE BLEEDING!
It's dripping!
DON'T WORRY. I CAN HEAL MYSELF.
I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO!!
DON'T DROOL ON ME! IT'S DISGUSTING!

CONGRATULATIONS ON BLEEDING. LET'S EAT RED BEAN RICE! ♡
THAT'S NOT FUNNY!
HOW COME YOU LET HIM BITE YOU? ARE YOU LOSING YOUR TOUCH?
HEE HEE...
NOT YET...
...NOT YET...


Ugh.
Huff..
Gasp.
SHOULD I FEED HER MOUTH-TO-MOUTH?
I'M SERIOUS!
I'M SERIOUS, TOO!
Cough
Cough
Cough
UH-OH, SHE CAN'T KEEP ANYTHING DOWN.
WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

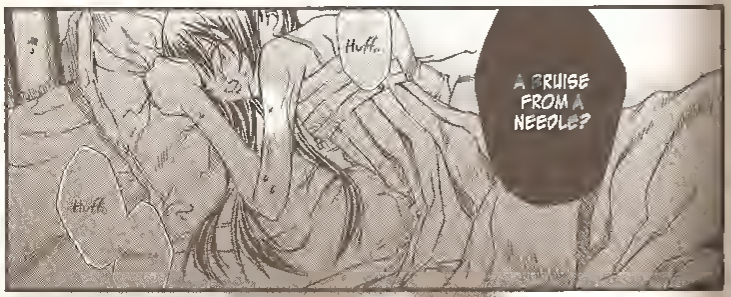

HE CAN KILL ME WITH ONE HAND BEHIND HIS BACK!
DON'T YOU TOUCH HER WITH YOUR FILTHY HANDS!
HER FATHER WILL KILL ME IF HE FINDS OUT I LET YOU TAKE CARE OF HER!
NO DOCTOR WILL SEE HER AT THIS HOUR.
Let me handle this
What do you mean? Handle this how?

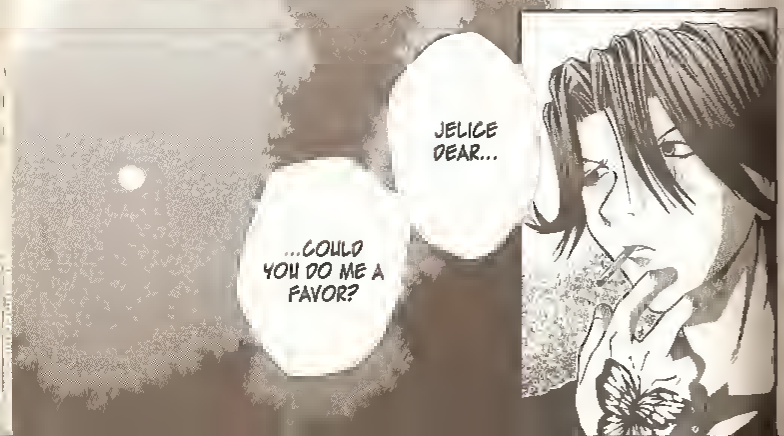

I'LL GET CLEAN WATER.
OKAY. I'LL CHANGE HER CLOTHES NOW...
ANYWAY, WHY DON'T WE MOVE HER TO THE ROOM WITH THE FIREPLACE?


I JUST TOLD YOU...
SHE GOT UP BY HERSELF AFTER THAT MANY TRANQUILIZERS?
AND SHE EVEN DEFEATED ALL THE GUARDS AND ESCAPED?
COULD YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

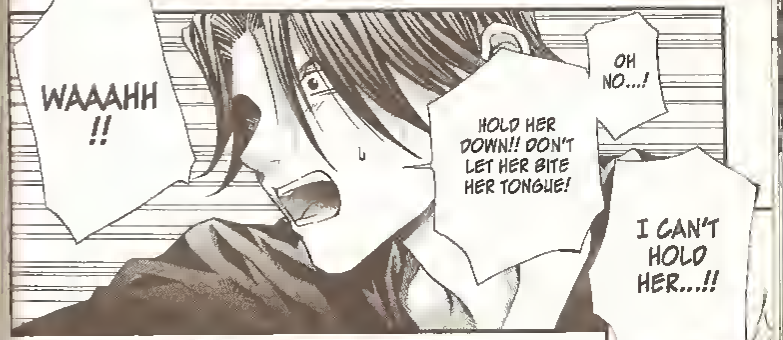
RAHZEL, THIS WILL BRING DOWN YOUR FEVER.
DRINK THIS.
I AM SURE OF THAT...
...NOW...
RIGHT
I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE...
SHE'S EXACTLY AS I EXPECTED.
ONE OF THE CHOSEN ONES.
SHE'LL MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE.

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS CAUSE ME SO MUCH TROUBLE?
Ouch!
WHAT'S WRONG?
LOOK AT HER ARM...
?
IDIOT. I CAN'T EVEN LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR ONE SECOND--


Huff..
Huff..
A BRUISE FROM A NEEDLE?


JELICE DEAR...
...COULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR?

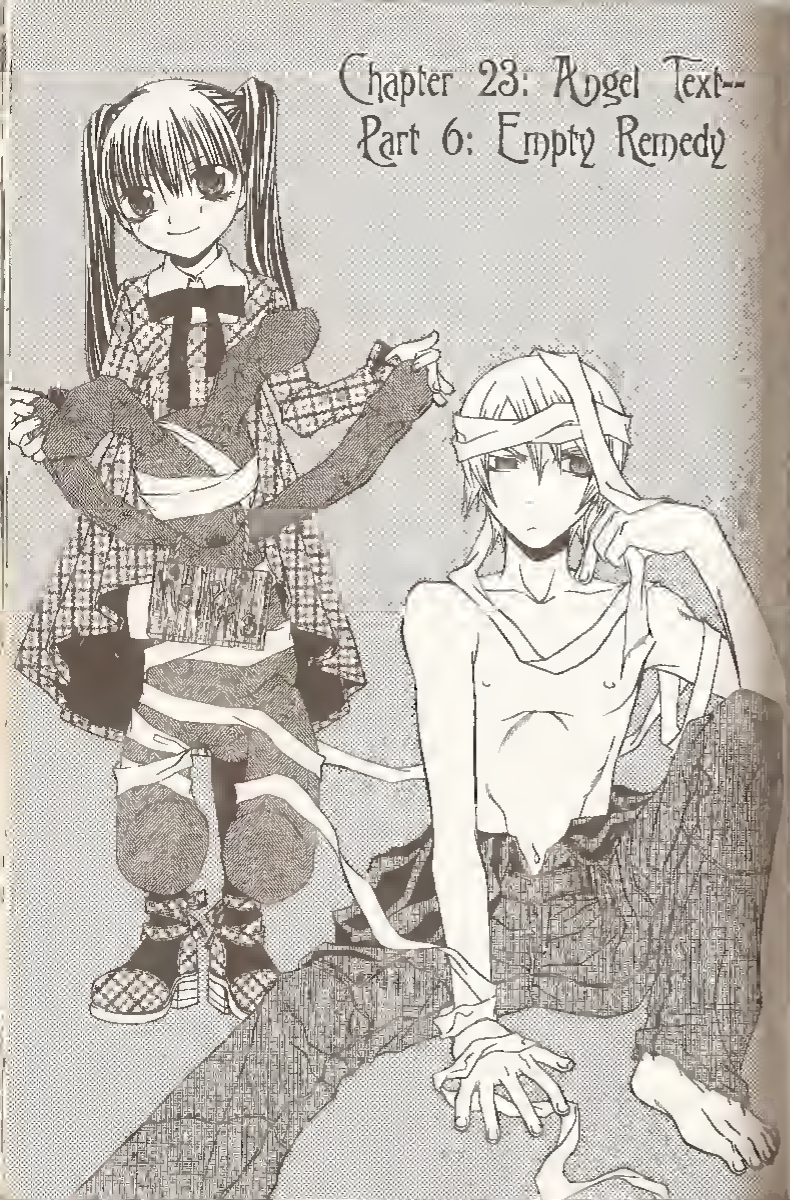
WAAHH...
WHAT'S WRONG, RAHZEL?!
WAAHH!!
AL...DON'T BLAME YOURSELF. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT--
NOOOOOO!!


WAAAHH !!
OH NO...!
HOLD HER DOWN!! DON'T LET HER BITE HER TONGUE!
I CAN'T HOLD HER...!!

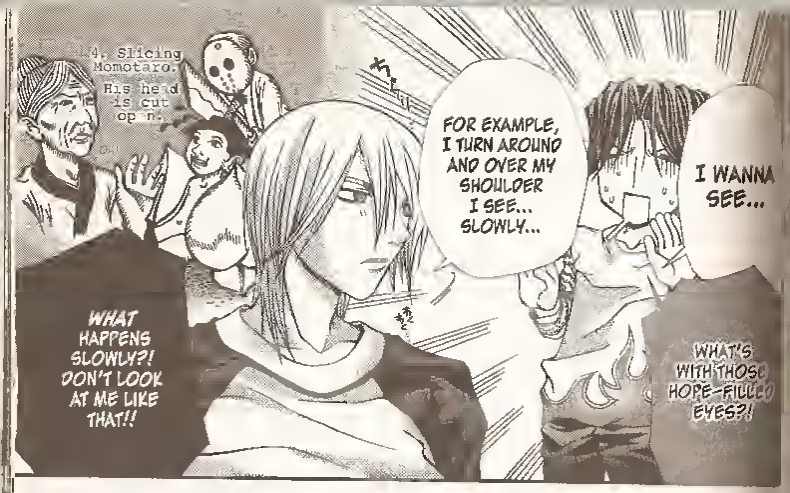
ALZEID...
...ARE YOU OKAY?
UGH...

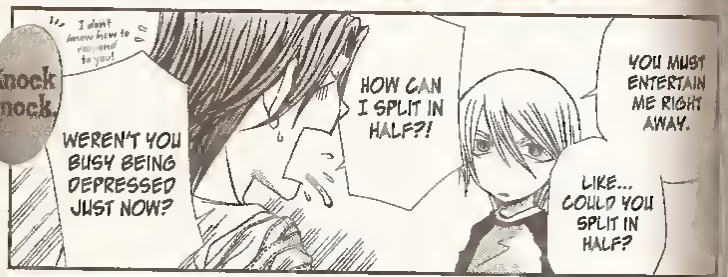
MOMMY
WHY DON'T YOU GET ONE YOURSELF?
THEN GET ME A FUTON. I'LL SLEEP HERE.
YOU WERE FALLING ASLEEP HERE ANYWAY. YOU'D BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN YOUR BED
NO.
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE THE ENERGY TO TOSS AND TURN ANYMORE.
IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS.
WHY DOES SHE CALL HER MOTHER "MOMMY" BUT HER FATHER IS ALWAYS "FATHER"?
WHY...?
AND HOW COME SHE AVOIDS TALKING ABOUT ANYTHING BESIDES HER FATHER?
I'LL WATCH HER NOW.
WHY DON'T YOU GO TO YOUR ROOM AND GET SOME SLEEP?

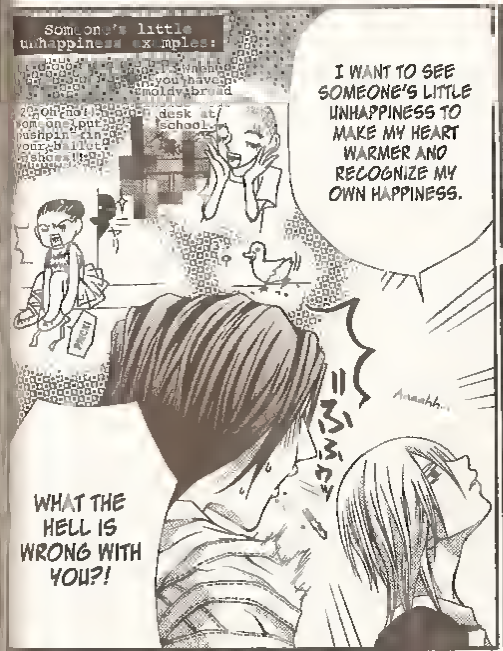
Chapter 23: Angel Text-- Part 6: Empty Remedy



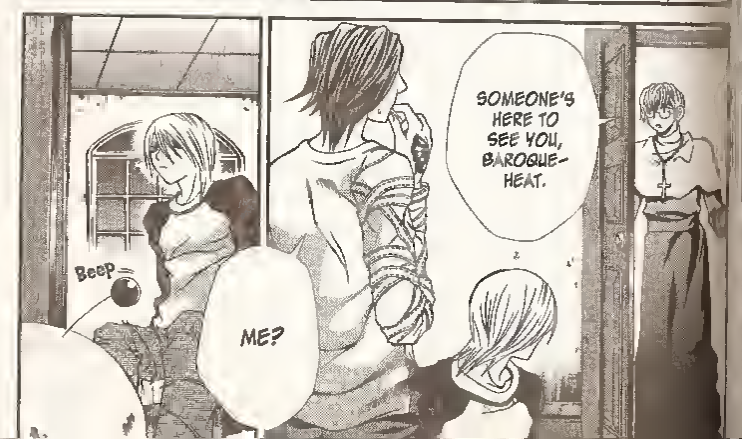
Beep!
WHAT'S WRONG? IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING SNOW?
AS LONG AS SHE'S LIKE THIS, I CAN'T EVEN ASK HER ANYTHING...
I HOPE WE GET A THICK BLANKET OF IT...

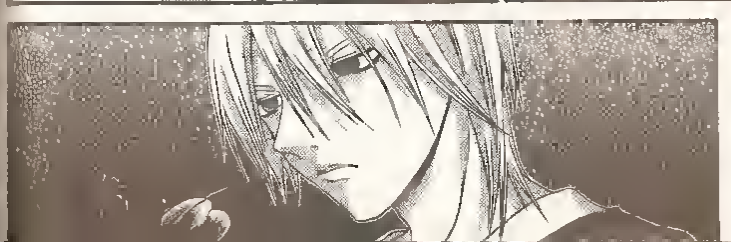

4. Slicing Momotaro.
His head is cut op n.
FOR EXAMPLE, I TURN AROUND AND OVER MY SHOULDER I SEE... SLOWLY...
I WANNA SEE...
WHAT HAPPENS SLOWLY?! DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!!
WHAT'S WITH THOSE HOPE-FILLED EYES?!

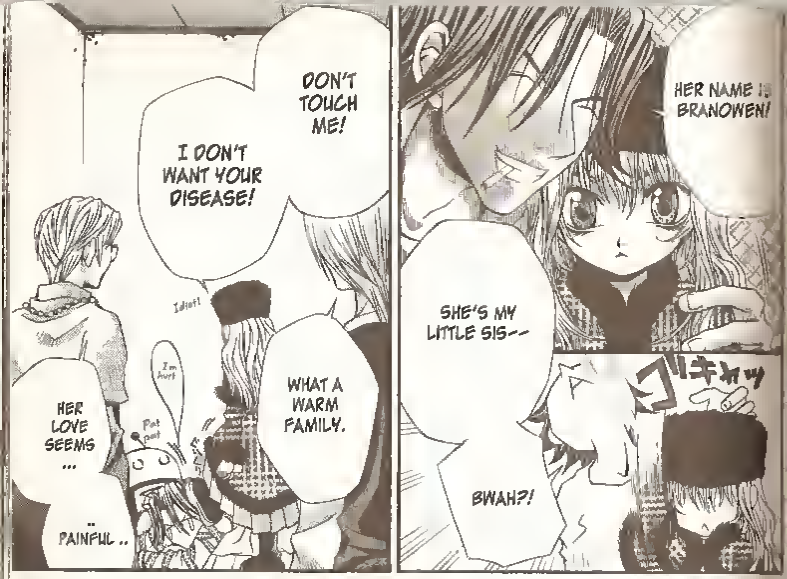

knock knock
I dont know how to respond to you!
WEREN'T YOU BUSY BEING DEPRESSED JUST NOW?
HOW CAN I SPLIT IN HALF?!
YOU MUST ENTERTAIN ME RIGHT AWAY.
LIKE... COULD YOU SPLIT IN HALF?


Someone's little unhappiness examples:
I WANT TO SEE SOMEONE'S LITTLE UNHAPPINESS TO MAKE MY HEART WARMER AND RECOGNIZE MY OWN HAPPINESS.
Aaaahh...
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!

I FEEL DEPRESSED...


Beep
ME?
SOMEONE'S HERE TO SEE YOU, BAROQUE-HEAT.




DON'T TOUCH ME!
I DON'T WANT YOUR DISEASE!
Idiot!
I'm hurt
Pat pat
HER LOVE SEEMS ...
.. PAINFUL ..
WHAT A WARM FAMILY.

HER NAME IS BRANOWEN!
SHE'S MY LITTLE SIS--
BWAH?!
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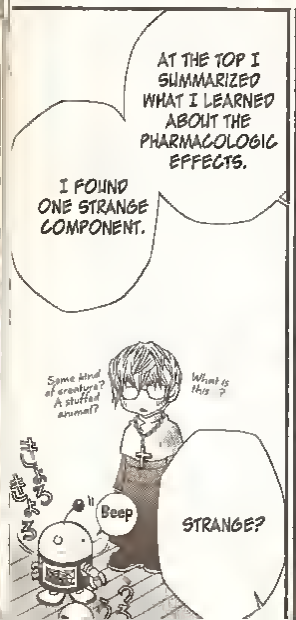
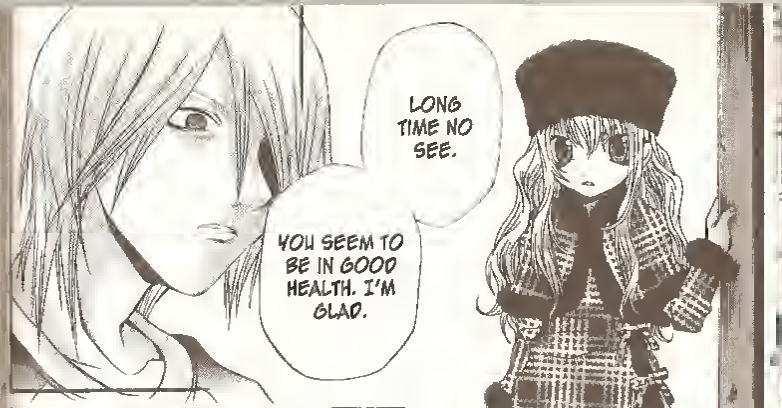
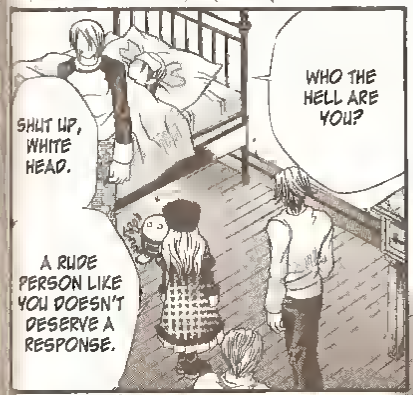

AT THE TOP I SUMMARIZED WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT THE PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS.
I FOUND ONE STRANGE COMPONENT.
Some kind of creature? A stuffed animal?
What is this ?
Beep
STRANGE?

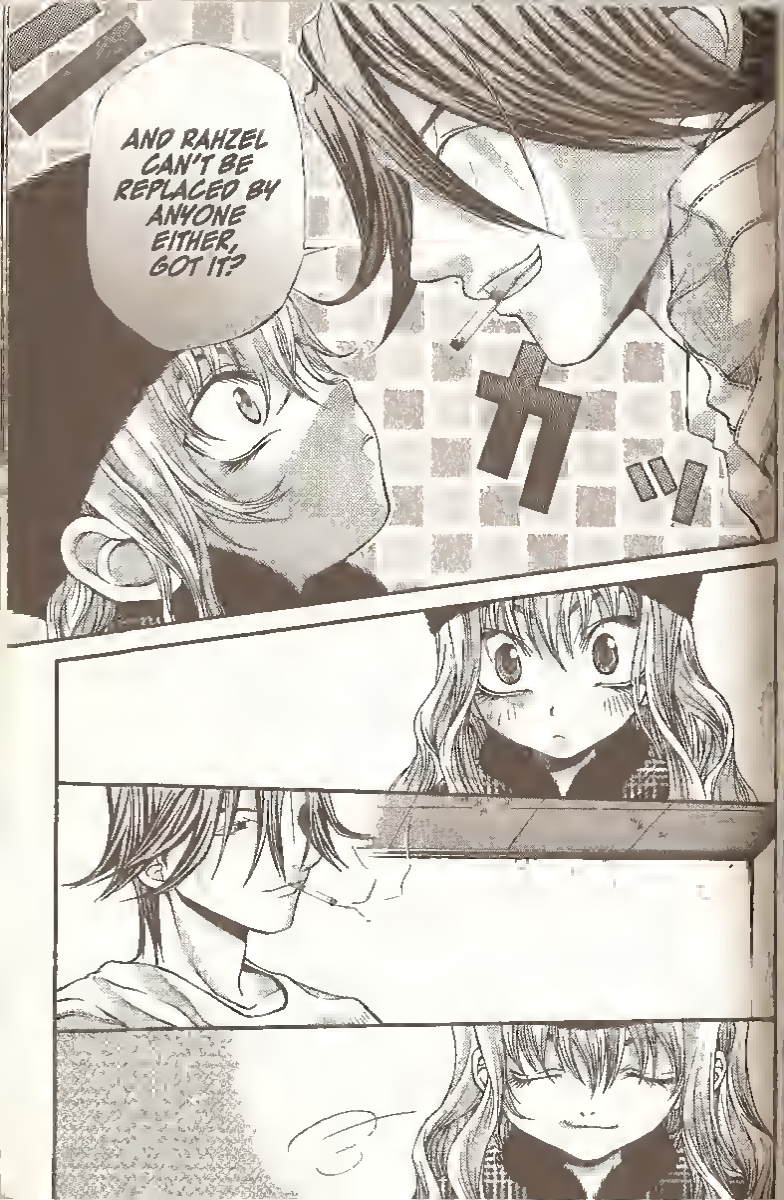
SORRY, BUT OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE I KNOW, THE SMARTEST ONE IS YOU.
ANYWAY, THOSE ARE THE RESULTS OF MY ANALYSIS OF THE DRUG YOU SENT.
BUT LIKE I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT AN EXPERT AT THIS!
I DON'T APPRECIATE THE COMPLIMENT.
Beep


LONG TIME NO SEE.
YOU SEEM TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH. I'M GLAD.


WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
SHUT UP, WHITE HEAD.
A RUDE PERSON LIKE YOU DOESN'T DESERVE A RESPONSE.

Good point
IT'S LIKE A ROCKET...
...SINCE IT WILL SHOOT OUT.
DON'T! PLEASE DON'T LET IT SHOOT OUT!!
ROCKET PUNCH!
THIS IS DEFINITELY NEITHER A ROCKET NOR A PUNCH!
Wait a minute!

INSIDE HER BODY, EACH CELL IS FIGHTING BACK THE INVASION.
OR IN THIS CASE, I SHOULD SAY... SYMPTOMS OF REJECTION.
SHE'S SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF POISONING.
ITS BEHAVIOR IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF CANCER CELLS.
THEN IT DUPLICATES AND SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE BODY...
IT ENTERS INTO THE BODY CELLS SLOWLY AND REPLICATES ITS GENETIC INFORMATION WITHIN THE CELLS.
IT'S SOME KIND OF PROTEIN, BUT I COULDN'T TRACE ITS ORIGIN.
SOMEONE HAD TO HAVE INJECTED THE DRUG FORCIBLY.
SHE COULDN'T INJECT HERSELF WHERE THE NEEDLE MARK IS ANYWAY.
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D SHOOT UP.
A HIGHLY CONCENTRATED DOSE.
I FOUND THE SAME COMPONENT IN HER BLOOD.
BRANOWEN ...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
OKAY.
I'LL GET TO THE POINT.
HEY! ALZEID! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SHE'S A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.
Whisper
PRAY FOR HER.
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR HER?
ALZEID?
SO WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?!
I WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE BRUISE FROM THE SHOT ON RAHZEL'S ARM.
SO I ASKED BRANOWEN TO CHECK RAHZEL'S BLOOD AND BRING MEDICINE FOR HER.


AND RAHZEL CAN'T BE REPLACED BY ANYONE EITHER, GOT IT?
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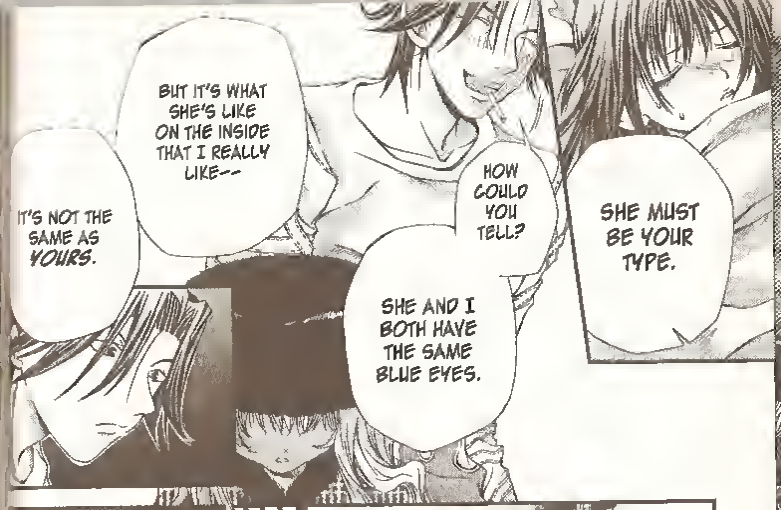
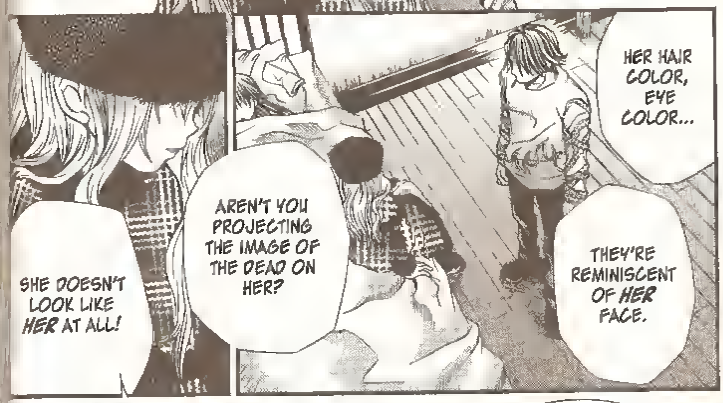
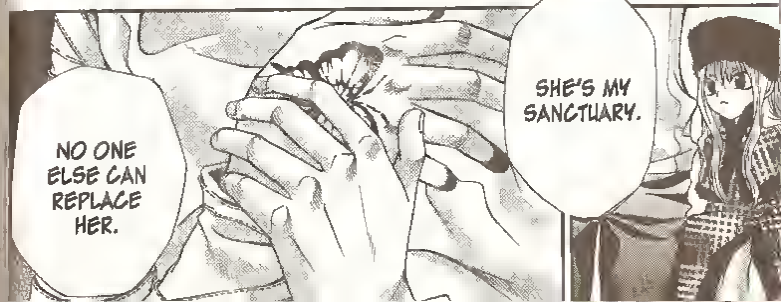

SHE MUST BE YOUR TYPE.
HOW COULD YOU TELL?
SHE AND I BOTH HAVE THE SAME BLUE EYES.
BUT IT'S WHAT SHE'S LIKE ON THE INSIDE THAT I REALLY LIKE--
IT'S NOT THE SAME AS YOURS.


HER HAIR COLOR, EYE COLOR...
THEY'RE REMINISCENT OF HER FACE.
AREN'T YOU PROJECTING THE IMAGE OF THE DEAD ON HER?
SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HER AT ALL!

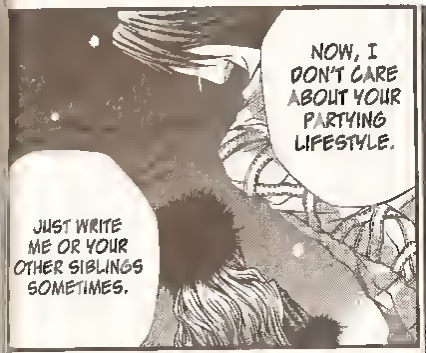

SHE'S MY SANCTUARY.
NO ONE ELSE CAN REPLACE HER.

THANKS.
BIG SIS.

THERE YOU ARE.
WERE YOU SERIOUSLY PRAYING TO GOD?

THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL THAT TO ALZEID?!
HE WAS DEVASTATED AND LEFT
Pikong
I DON'T LIKE GUYS LIKE HIM.
LET'S GO, KOTETSU!

IN MY ESTIMATION... THE WORST IS OVER.
SHE SHOULD LIVE.

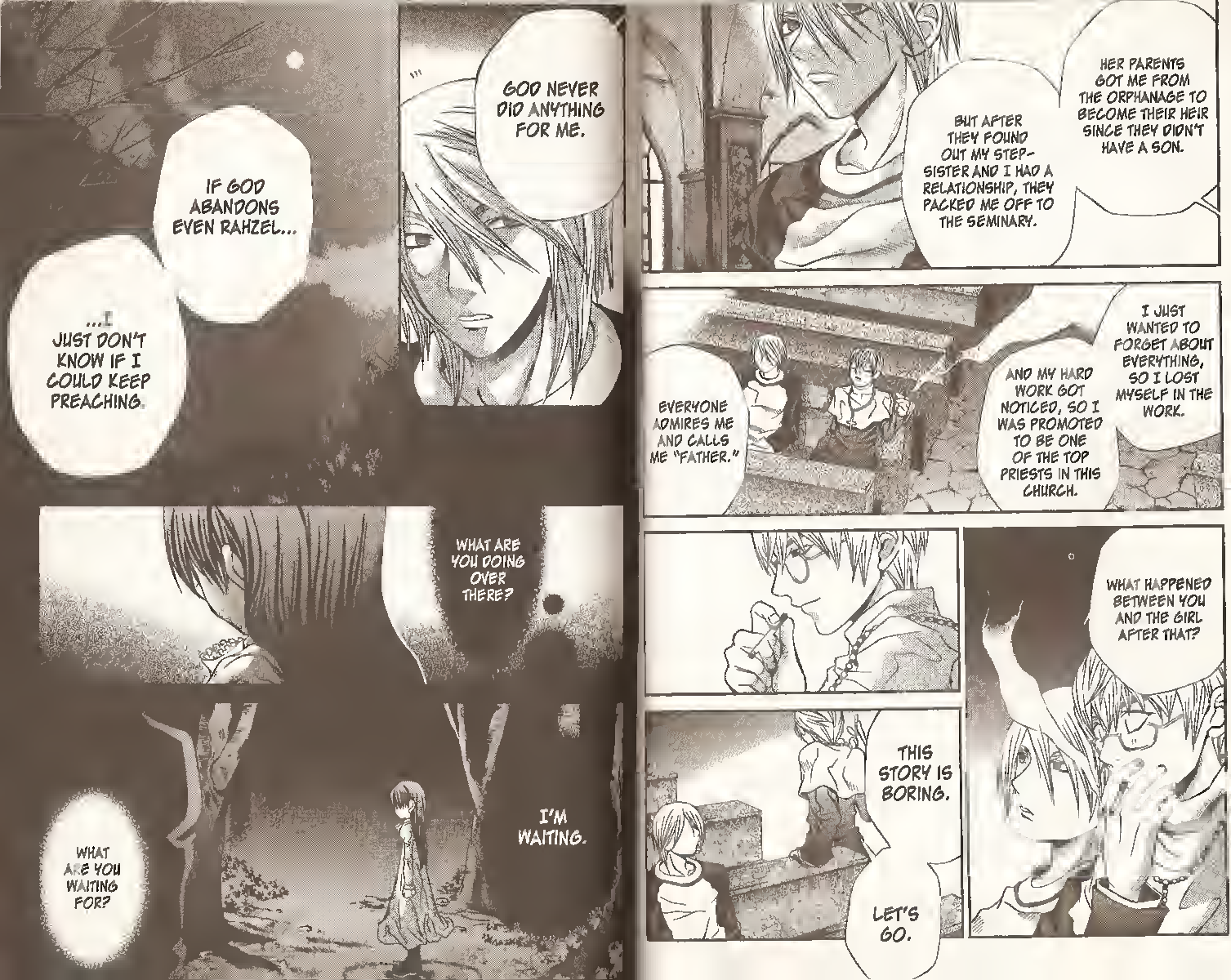

NOW, I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR PARTYING LIFESTYLE.
JUST WRITE ME OR YOUR OTHER SIBLINGS SOMETIMES.

DON'T MAKE US WORRY ABOUT YOU.

I WHAT? ARE YOU LEAVING ALREADY?
NO THANKS.
LET ME WALK WITH YOU.

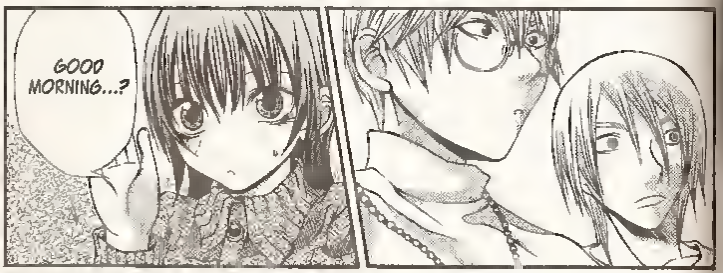
AREN'T YOU GAY?!
IT SUDDENLY FEELS LIKE I CAN TELL EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
I WONDER WHY...
WHO'S THIS GIRL?
ISN'T SHE BEAUTIFUL?
THIS IS MY GIRLFRIEND.
AND THAT PHOTO IS FROM EIGHT YEARS AGO!
OF COURSE SHE'S YOUNGER THAN ME! SHE'S MY YOUNGER SISTER!
ISN'T SHE A BIT YOUNG FOR YOU?
LOLITA COMPLEX?
I WAS ADOPTED.
DON'T WORRY. WE'RE NOT BLOOD-RELATED.

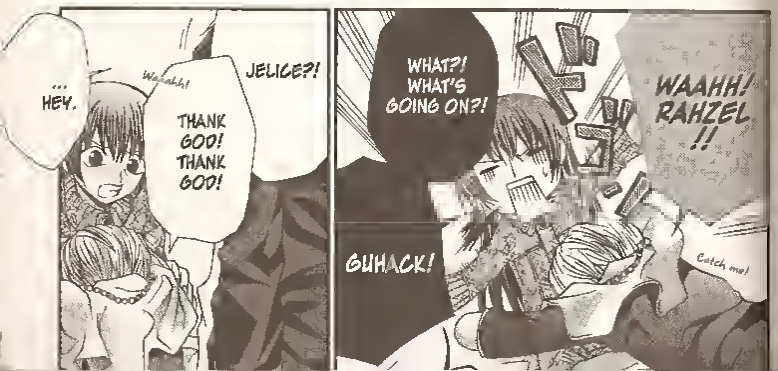
DID IT SEEM LIKE THAT?
WHY DID YOU BECOME A PRIEST?
NO WAY.
...I BELIEVE IN GOD...
BECAUSE...
HEY, CHECK THIS OUT.
DID I TRICK YOU? I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD AT ALL.
THIS PIECE OF SHIT...

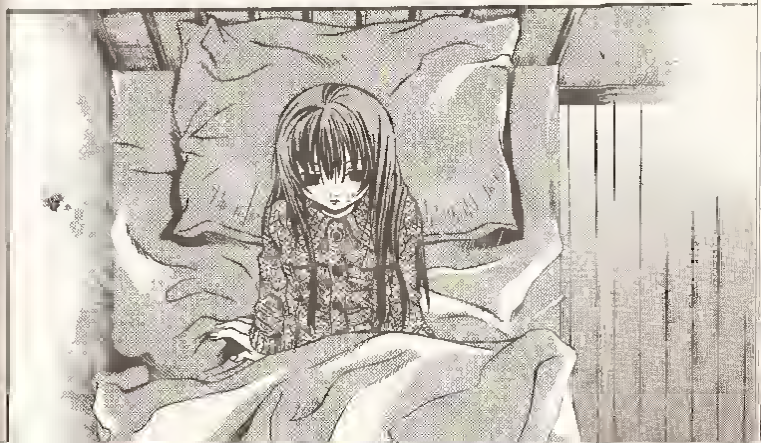

GOD NEVER DID ANYTHING FOR ME.
IF GOD ABANDONS EVEN RAHZEL...
...I JUST DON'T KNOW IF I COULD KEEP PREACHING.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
I'M WAITING.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
HER PARENTS GOT ME FROM THE ORPHANAGE TO BECOME THEIR HEIR SINCE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A SON.
BUT AFTER THEY FOUND OUT MY STEP-SISTER AND I HAD A RELATIONSHIP, THEY PACKED ME OFF TO THE SEMINARY.
I JUST WANTED TO FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING, SO I LOST MYSELF IN THE WORK.
AND MY HARD WORK GOT NOTICED, SO I WAS PROMOTED TO BE ONE OF THE TOP PRIESTS IN THIS CHURCH.
EVERYONE ADMIRES ME AND CALLS ME "FATHER."
WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND THE GIRL AFTER THAT?
THIS STORY IS BORING.
LET'S GO.

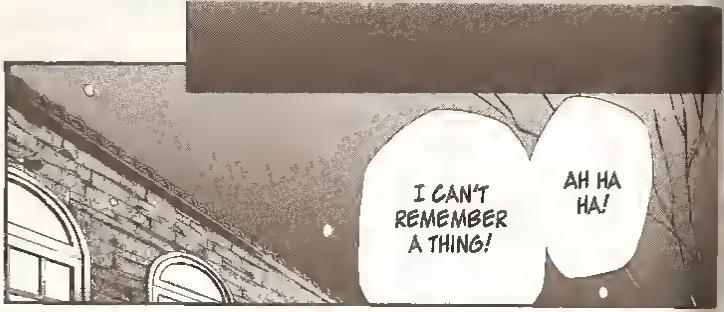
...LATER, I WANT BAROQUEHEAT TO--
SO...
WAH...
MY HAIR IS SUCH A MESS...

I'M WAITING TO DIE!


GOOD MORNING...?


...
HEY.
Waahh!
JELICE?!
THANK GOD! THANK GOD!
WHAT?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
GUHACK!
WAAHH! RAHZEL !!
Catch me!



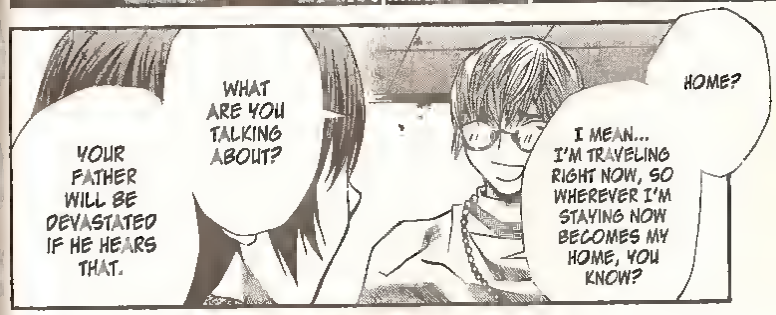

I CAN'T REMEMBER A THING!
AH HA HA!

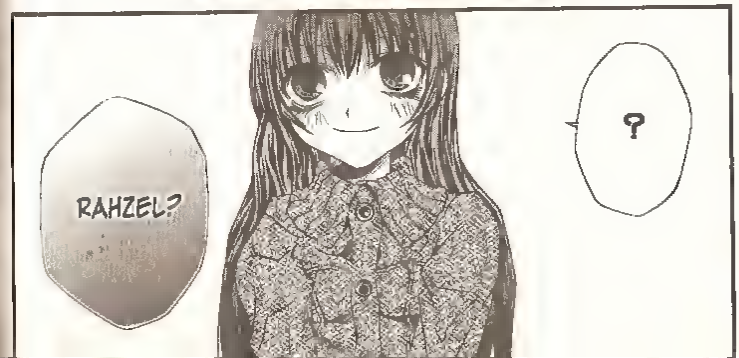
Ummm...
I just don't know how I should react to this...
I KNOW IT MUST BE HORRIBLE TO LOSE MY MEMORY.
DID YOU JUST LAUGH? YOU'RE CERTAINLY RELAXED..

OKAY, OKAY. CUT IT OUT!
I'M JUST SO GLAD THAT YOU DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT ME!
HER BEHAVIOR HASN'T REALLY CHANGED.

I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE OF HER FEVER?
AS LONG AS SHE KEEPS TRAVELING, SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO KNOW WHERE HER HOME IS.
I'M SURE SHE'LL REMEMBER IT SOON, IF IT'S SO IMPORTANT.

LISTEN TO THIS!
HE WAS POUTING WHILE YOU WERE GONE!
HE STARTED WHINING THAT YOU'D GONE HOME.
How embarrassing


HOME?
I MEAN... I'M TRAVELING RIGHT NOW, SO WHEREVER I'M STAYING NOW BECOMES MY HOME, YOU KNOW?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOUR FATHER WILL BE DEVASTATED IF HE HEARS THAT.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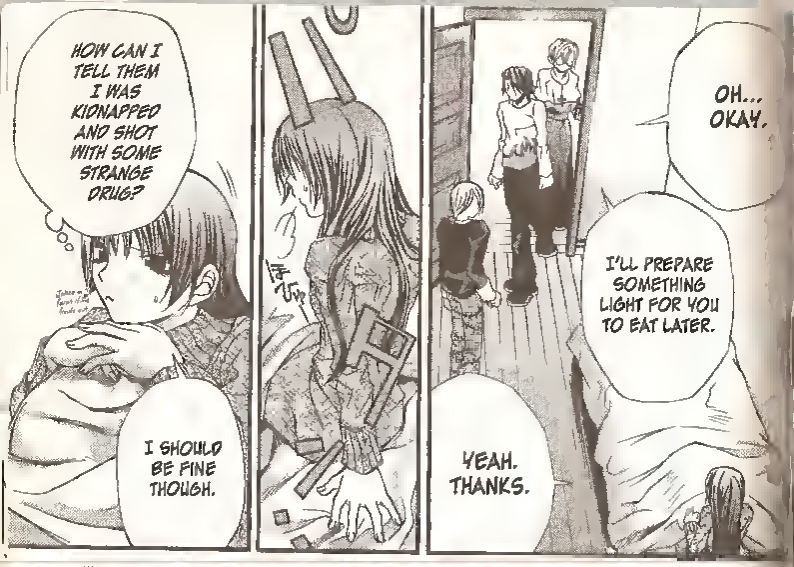
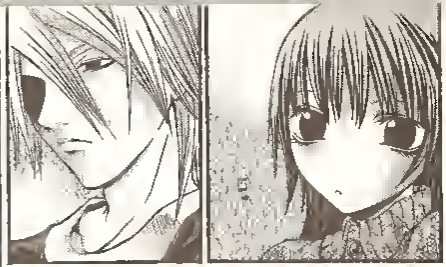
RAHZEL?


HOW CAN I TELL THEM I WAS KIDNAPPED AND SHOT WITH SOME STRANGE DRUG?
I SHOULD BE FINE THOUGH.
OH... OKAY.
I'LL PREPARE SOMETHING LIGHT FOR YOU TO EAT LATER.
YEAH. THANKS.

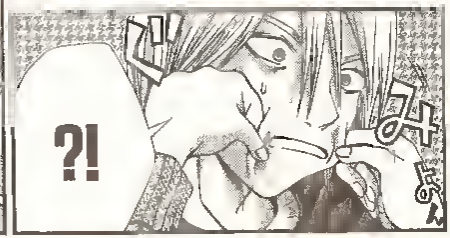
IT'S COMPLETELY DARK BEFORE MY EYES.
WHAT AM I TALKING ABOUT? I'M NOT FINE...
I'M FINE.
THAT'S RIGHT..

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING AT ALL...
IT'S BEEN PAINTED TOTALLY BLACK.

YOUR FACE...
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?!
YOU LOOK SO UGLY RIGHT NOW!
WHAT?
I'm made me look ugly



Come, come
HEY, ALZEID?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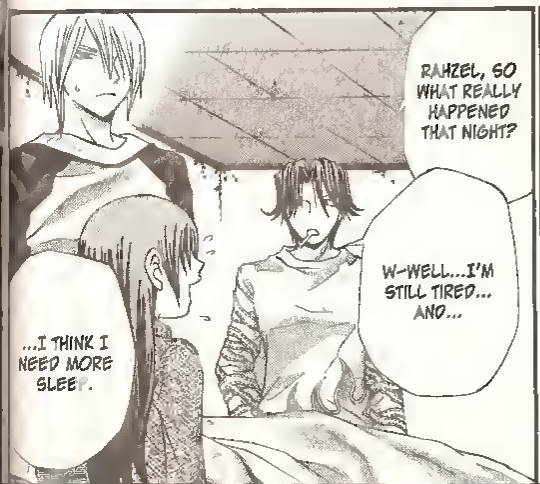
RAHZEL, SO WHAT REALLY HAPPENED THAT NIGHT?
W-WELL...I'M STILL TIRED... AND...
...I THINK I NEED MORE SLEEP.

DON'T WORRY.
I'M FINE, OKAY?

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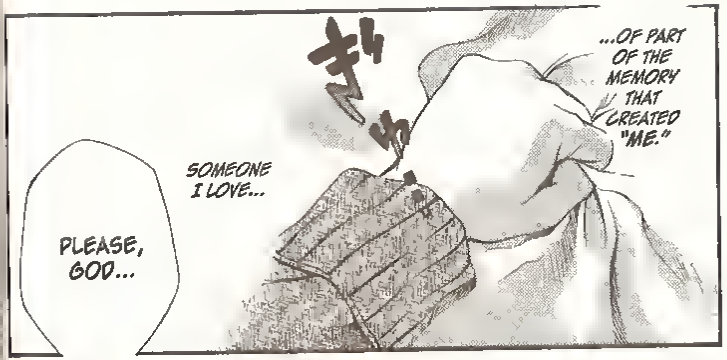
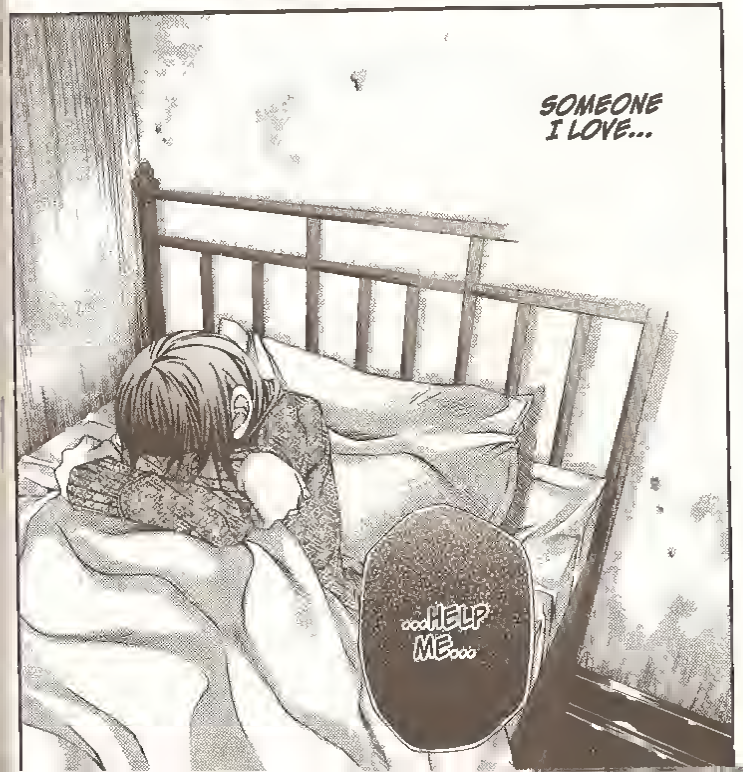
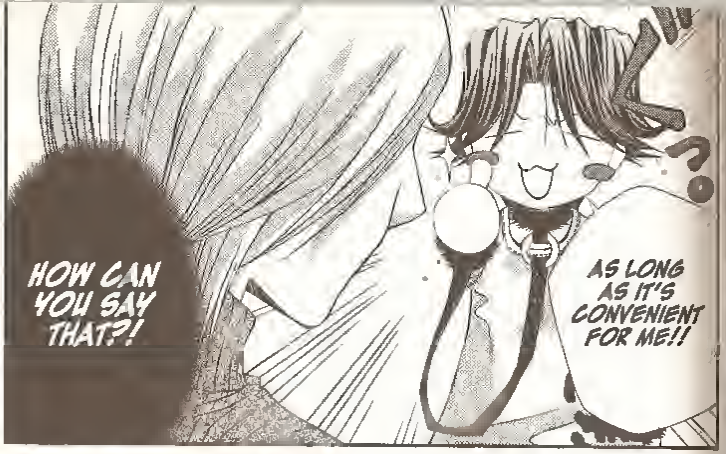
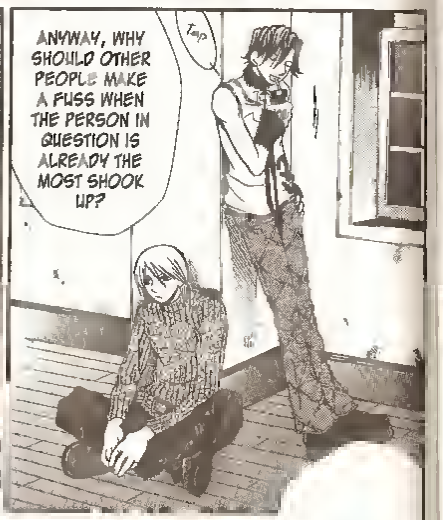


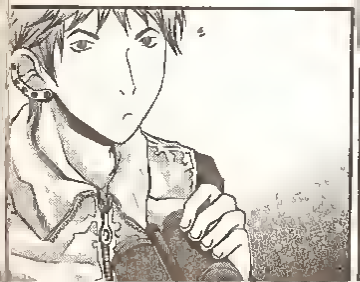


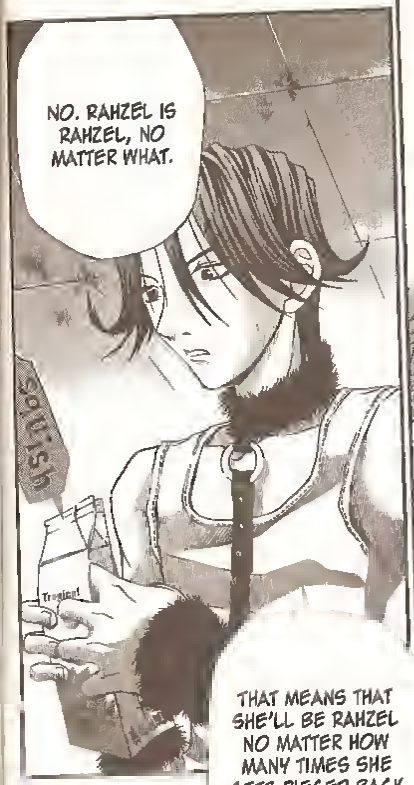
SHE MAY HAVE LOST SOME OF HER MEMORIES...
...BUT ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT SHE REMEMBERS ALL OF US.
BY THE WAY, RAHZEL'S TAKING A SHOWER RIGHT NOW.
Whisper
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!!
FOR WHAT?!
AT LEAST RAHZEL GOT BACK WITHOUT GETTING BADLY HURT.
ISN'T THAT GOOD ENOUGH?!
Take that!
WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT?
UH-HUH...

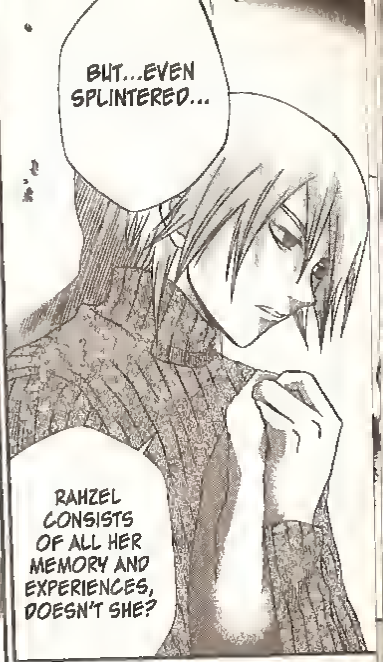
ALZEIO.
I'M PRETENDING I HAVE NOWHERE TO GO...
I DON'T GET IT.
YOU'RE NOT MAKING A SHRED OF SENSE.
...Y'KNOW?
IS HE DEPRESSED?
Good question.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?











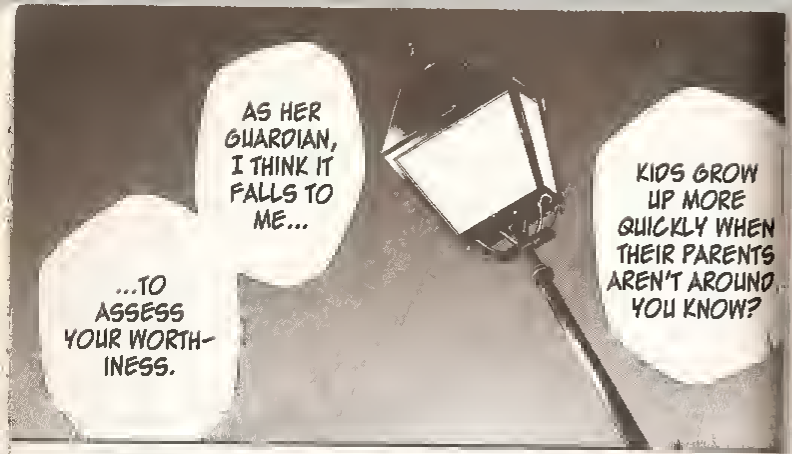
THAT MEANS THAT SHE'LL BE RAHZEL NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES SHE GETS PIECED BACK TOGETHER.

AS LONG AS SHE'S ALIVE, THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT.

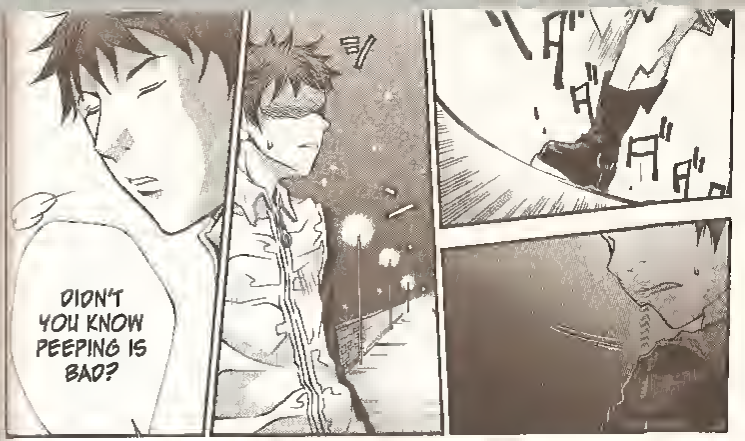
HERE YOU GO!
SAY "AAAH"!
(Translation) I can eat by myself! I'm not sick!
I GAN EE HI WIHEL! I'W NOD HICK!!
SAY "AAAH"!
THEY MIGHT HAVE GONE TO BED.
THEY DIDN'T SLEEP MUCH AT ALL WHILE THEY WERE TAKING CARE OF YOU.
I SEE...
YOU ARE SICK! YOU WERE JUST ABOUT BREATHING YOUR LAST!
ANYWAY, WHERE ARE ALZEID AND BAROQUE-HEAT?

?
Didn't you just break the last one yourself?
WHAT'S WRONG?
Sn sh
I NEED...
...ANOTHER CIGARETTE.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

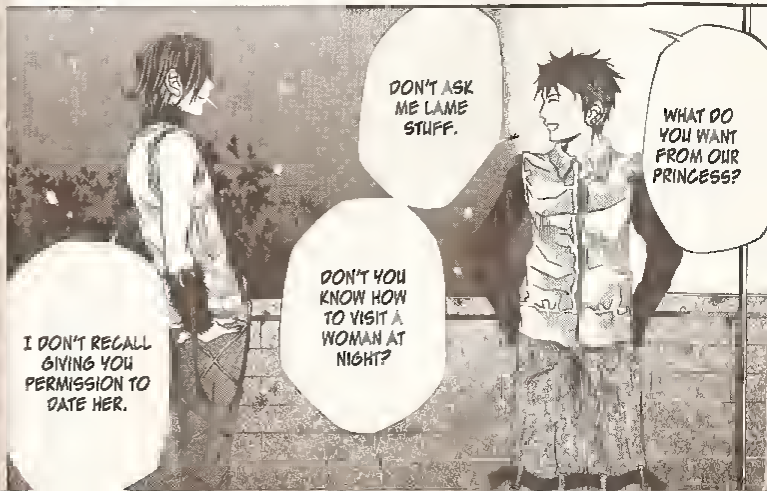
THAT'S BECAUSE...
HOW CAN YOU HAVE TIME FOR PROSELYTIZING IF YOU'VE GOT RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE PARISH?
WHO WOULD BELIEVE SUCH A STUPID EXCUSE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHAT?
I APPRECIATE THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO WORRY US.
BUT I JUST FEEL MORE HURT AND HOPELESS WHEN YOU KEEP ME IN THE DARK.
WHAT HAPPENED?
NOW...
...LET'S GO BACK TOGETHER.
YOU DISAPPEARED SUDDENLY, SO I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
DO YOU THINK I'M STUPID?!
WELL...I TOLD YOU ALREADY...
IT'S TO GET MORE--
THEN I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU, TOO.
WHY DID YOU COME TO THIS ABBEY?

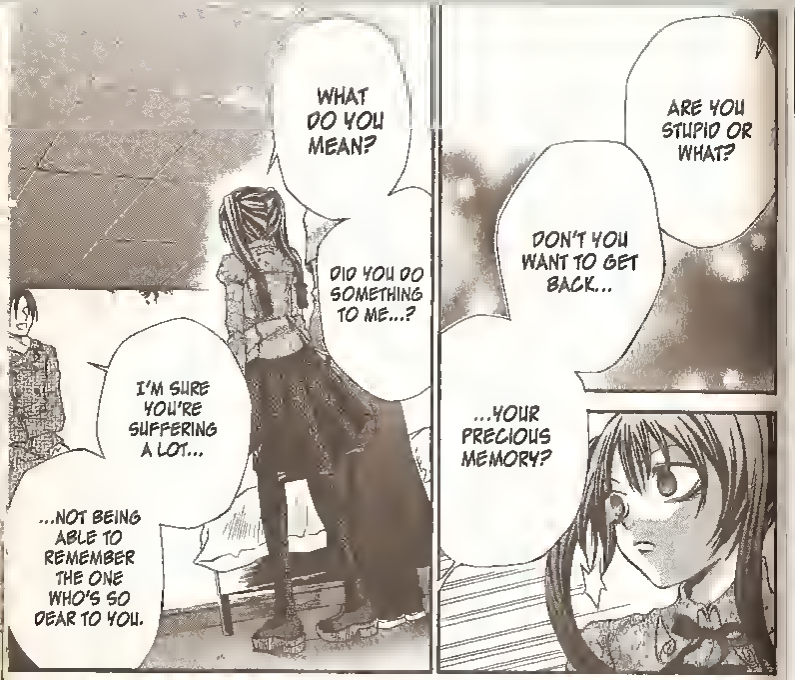

KIDS GROW UP MORE QUICKLY WHEN THEIR PARENTS AREN'T AROUND, YOU KNOW?
AS HER GUARDIAN, I THINK IT FALLS TO ME...
...TO ASSESS YOUR WORTH-INESS.

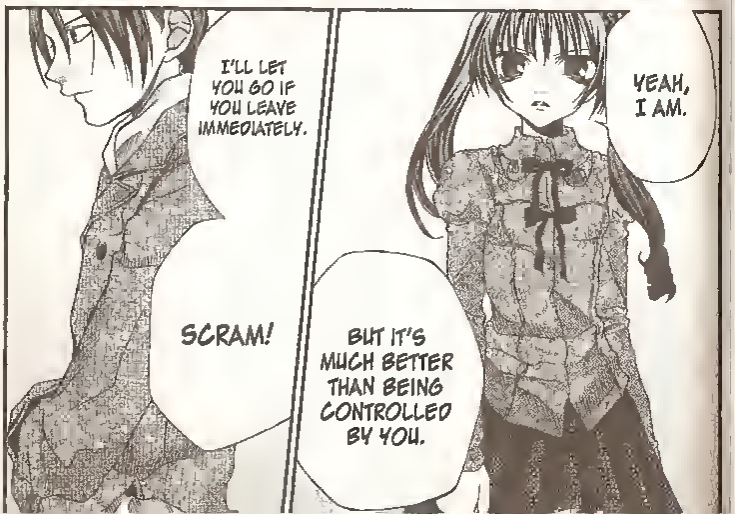
IF I LOSE CONTROL AND YOU END UP DEAD, PLEASE FORGIVE ME.


DIDN'T YOU KNOW PEEPING IS BAD?

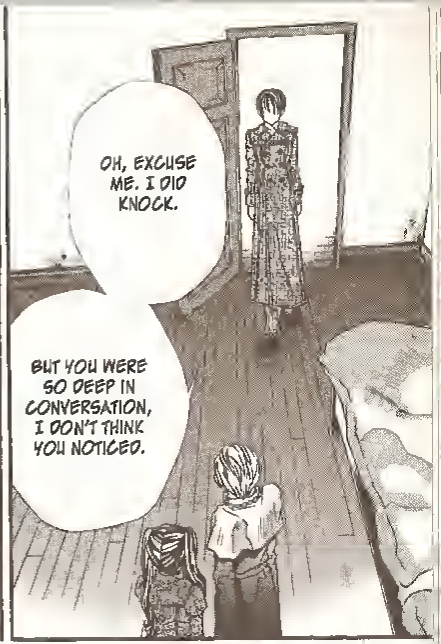
OR DID YOUR MOM NOT TEACH YOU THAT?


I DON'T RECALL GIVING YOU PERMISSION TO DATE HER.
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO VISIT A WOMAN AT NIGHT?
DON'T ASK ME LAME STUFF.
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM OUR PRINCESS?

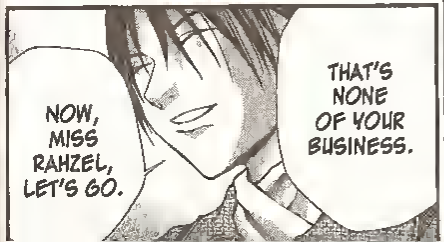

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO ME...?
I'M SURE YOU'RE SUFFERING A LOT...
...NOT BEING ABLE TO REMEMBER THE ONE WHO'S SO DEAR TO YOU.
ARE YOU STUPID OR WHAT?
DON'T YOU WANT TO GET BACK...
...YOUR PRECIOUS MEMORY?

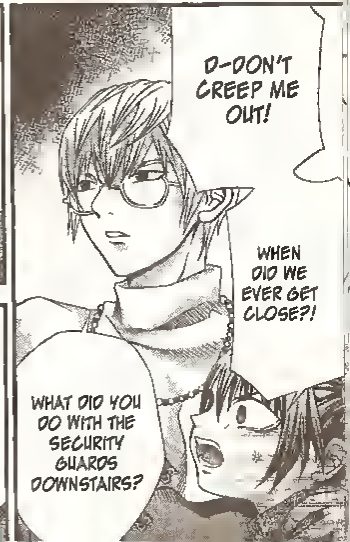

I'LL LET YOU GO IF YOU LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
SCRAM!
YEAH, I AM.
BUT IT'S MUCH BETTER THAN BEING CONTROLLED BY YOU.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HOW COLD! DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW CLOSE WE GOT EARLIER?


OH, EXCUSE ME. I DID KNOCK.
BUT YOU WERE SO DEEP IN CONVERSATION, I DON'T THINK YOU NOTICED.

Grrr!
AND WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF KIDNAPPING RAHZEL AND DRUGGING HER?
THEY LET ME THROUGH AFTER I EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT.

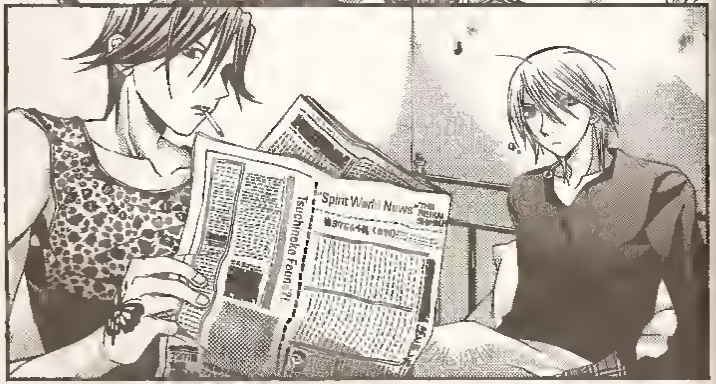

NOW, MISS RAHZEL, LET'S GO.
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.


D-DON'T CREEP ME OUT!
WHEN DID WE EVER GET CLOSE?!
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE SECURITY GUARDS DOWNSTAIRS?

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS...
!!
YOU TRYING TO KILL HIM?! THIS IS THE THIRD FLOOR!
JELICE, YOU DUMMY... IF THAT CREATURE'S EVEN HALF DEAD AFTER A FEW LETHAL BLOWS...
...I'LL COUNT MYSELF LUCKY!!

WHEN I TELL YOU TO GET OUT OF HERE, THAT MEANS...
LISTEN.
I'LL GLADLY LEAVE, IF YOU COME WITH ME.
...YOU'LL CRAWL HOME BEATEN TO A BLOODY PULP!!

Intermission: Sweet Little Pill



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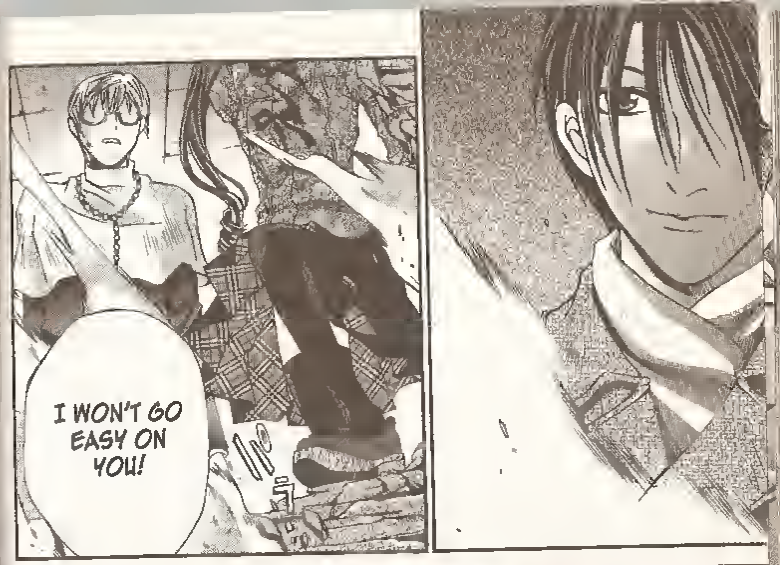

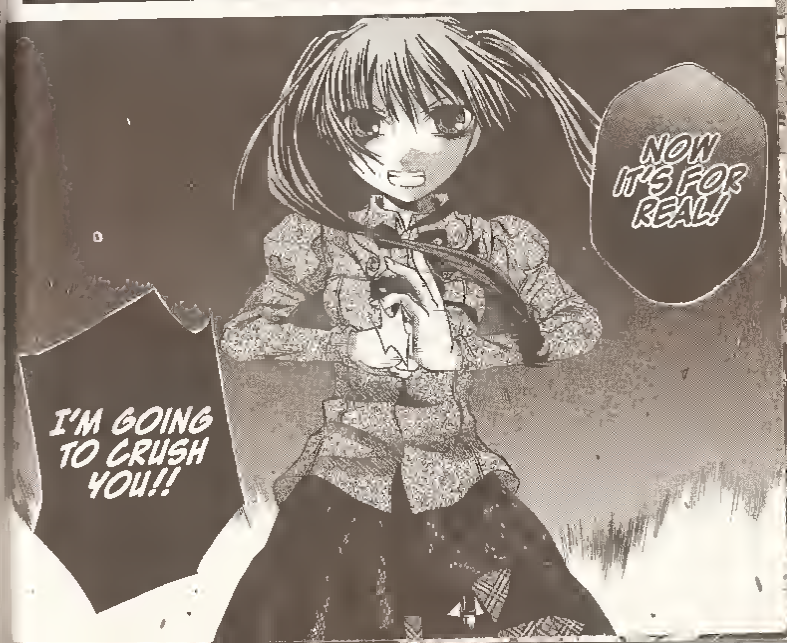

I APOLOGIZE. I HAD NO IDEA WHAT YOU'VE BEEN HAVING TO GO THROUGH.
LET ME WASH YOUR BODY TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU.
By hand of course!
He's serious.
ARE YOU ASKING ME TO WASH YOUR UNDERWEAR?
THAT'S TOTALLY NOT WHAT I'M SAYING!
I BELIEVE WE SHOULD SET SOME GROUND RULES SO WE CAN TRAVEL TOGETHER WITHOUT CONFLICTS.
DO YOU KNOW THIS PROVERB? "COURTESY SHOULD BE EXERCISED EVEN AMONG INTIMATE FRIENDS."
HOUSEHOLD CHORES CAN BE TAKEN CARE OF BY WHOEVER HAS THE TIME FOR IT...
...AND I DON'T MIND THIS, SINCE DOING LAUNDRY ALL TOGETHER IS EFFICIENT.
BUT I DON'T WANT YOU GUYS TO BE LAZY, EITHER.
LIKE...WE SHOULD USE THE CUSTOMARY GREETINGS WITH EACH OTHER?
That's a great example, Bonnefoi!
THAT'S RIGHT!
WHEN YOU WAKE UP IN THE MORNING, YOU SAY, "GOOD MORNING." WHEN YOU GO OUT, YOU SAY, "I'M LEAVING NOW." OR "SEE YOU LATER."

HOW CAN I THROW BACK A BALL LIKE THAT?!
WHY CAN'T WE COMMUNI-CATE?
I WENT AFTER YOU WITH AN OFF-SPEED PITCH.
DON'T SELL THEM TO UNDERWEAR FANATICS, OKAY?
I REALIZE I'M THE ONE WHO OFFERED TO DO YOUR LAUNDRY.
BUT IN THIS ABBEY I'VE GOT TO WASH EVERYTHING BY HAND SINCE THERE'S NO WASHING MACHINE.
SO WOULD YOU PLEASE SHOW MERCY?!
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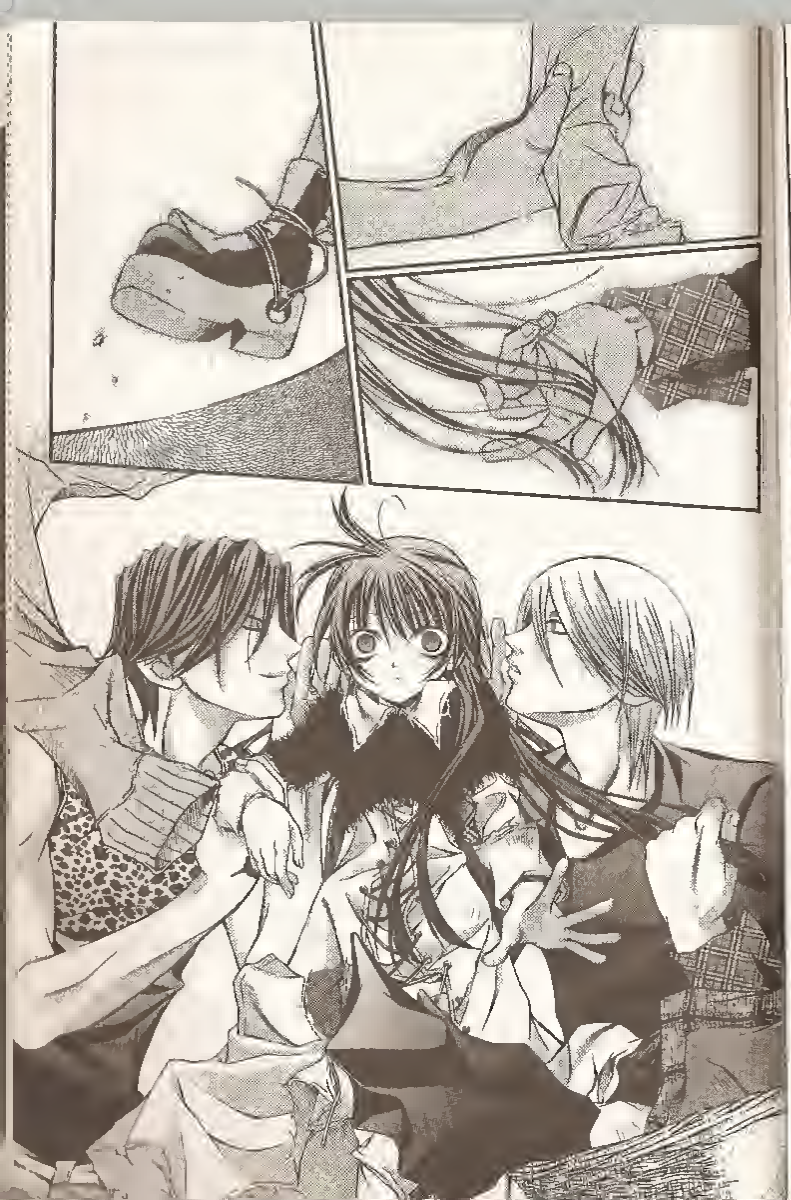

ALZEID! BASICALLY, YOUR ENTIRE BEING IS WRONG!
I DON'T GET IT.
I AGREE WITH YOU, RAHZEL.
SHOULD I SAY "I'M SORRY" WHEN I KILL SOMEBODY?
THAT WON'T GET YOU FORGIVE-NESS!
JUST FORGET ALL THE DUMB STUFF I SAID!
UGH! I DON'T CARE ANYMORE!
I'LL DO EVERYTHING BY MYSELF! ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?!
HA! IDIOTS!
IN SUCH A CASE, WE SHOULD JUST SMILE AT THE VICTIM AND SAY...
..."TRY TO LIVE BETTER IN YOUR NEXT LIFE." ♡

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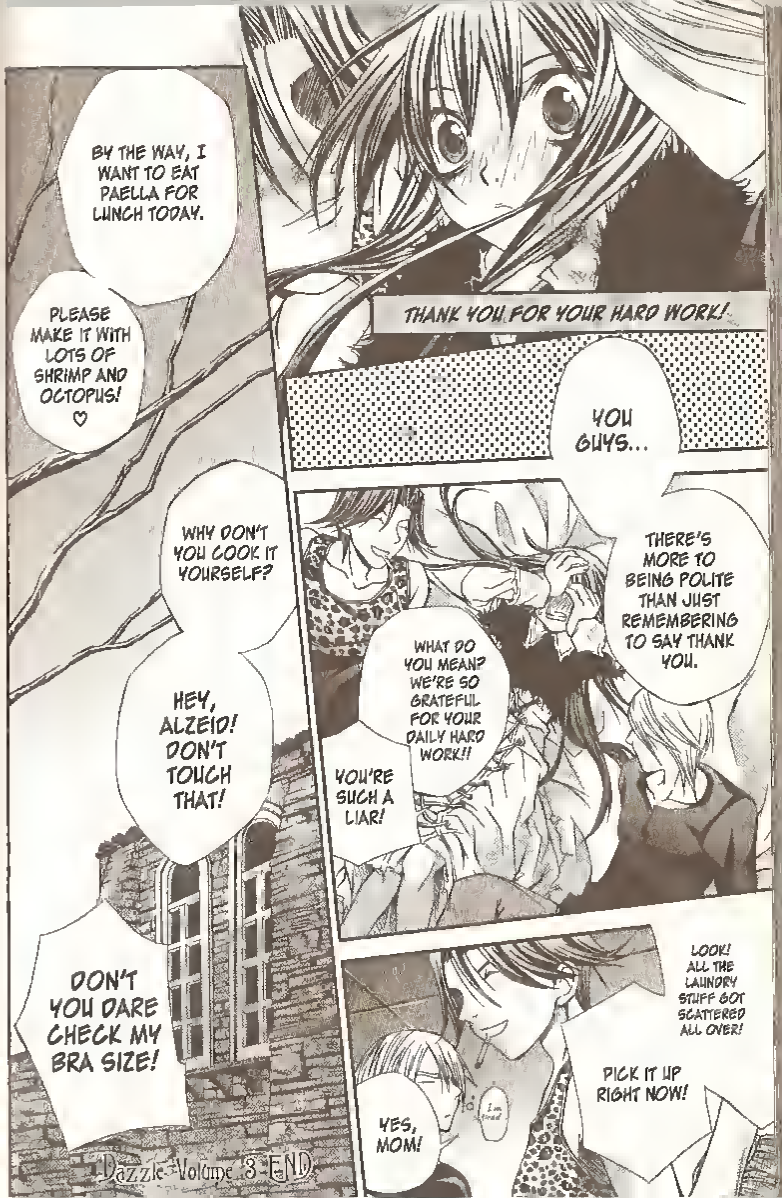
thanks!!


BY THE WAY, I WANT TO EAT PAELLA FOR LUNCH TODAY.
PLEASE MAKE IT WITH LOTS OF SHRIMP AND OCTOPUS! ♡
WHY DON'T YOU COOK IT YOURSELF?
HEY, ALZEID! DON'T TOUCH THAT!
DON'T YOU DARE CHECK MY BRA SIZE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!
YOU GUYS...
THERE'S MORE TO BEING POLITE THAN JUST REMEMBERING TO SAY THANK YOU.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DAILY HARD WORK!!
YOU'RE SUCH A LIAR!
LOOK! ALL THE LAUNDRY STUFF GOT SCATTERED ALL OVER!
PICK IT UP RIGHT NOW!
I'm sorry
YES, MOM!

Chapter 21: Drunk Gang Heaven

"The Heaven of Drunk Yakuza" if I translate it into Japanese? Alzeid's stupidity stands out in this chapter as in the previous chapter. By the way, I think the main character of this chapter is the bear bag.

Chapter 22: Melancholic Tranquilizer

My assistants loved pages 12 and 13 of this chapter since they look like an erotic manga. Poor Rahzel seems so cold in her clothes. It's even snowing.

Chapter 23: Empty Remedy

I thought of getting an English-Japanese dictionary since I'm not good at thinking of English titles. It was raining really hard and I stopped by a record store. But my umbrella got stolen at the record store and I felt stupid for trying to get it in the rain, so I come home. Thus I still don't have a dictionary. I just ask other people when I don't know how to spell things. Life is easy.

Chapter 24: Smokin' Here, Baby

The chapter title is slang that means "Let's shoot each other like crazy." The subtitles of each chapter of Angel Text are created from the names of drugs (including medical drugs). Probably in this case, the smoke is gun smoke and not cigarette smoke. I don't understand it at all. (I have no education.)

Intermission: Sweet Little Pill

There was no chapter title when I published this in the magazine, I just added it in the manga volume. (That's supposed to be a secret!) By the way, I don't have time to add the "Dazzle Q&A" part. My time's up. I'm sorry. Originally the manga volume was supposed to be sold in February, but I insisted on finishing up by January and caused so many problems for other people. I feel terrible now. I know...I should learn my lesson, but I'm not sure if I'll remember. (This is my "so what" attitude.)

I would appreciate if you watched over me warmly from now on as well...

Minari Endoh
遠藤海成

Chapter 16: Keep out of Paradise

When I was little, I dug up fossils for a school assignment. Although I enjoyed finding trilobites and encrinites, it was negative 100 percent romantic of me to think we were ransacking a tomb. I was not a cute elementary school kid. An ammonite is kinda cool to have though since the shape is punkish. But I wonder what I should do with it? Can I use it as a paperweight? (That's just wrong.)

Chapter 17: Signs and Portents

Alzeid looks like the heroine of a shojo manga. He talks like a Bohemian. I call him Alzeid-san or Allie-san as if he's a girl. It's very rude of me, although I still give him the honorific. This is the lowest level of politeness that I can show him. (There's something not quite right about this.)

Chapter 18: Acid Head Stray Sheep

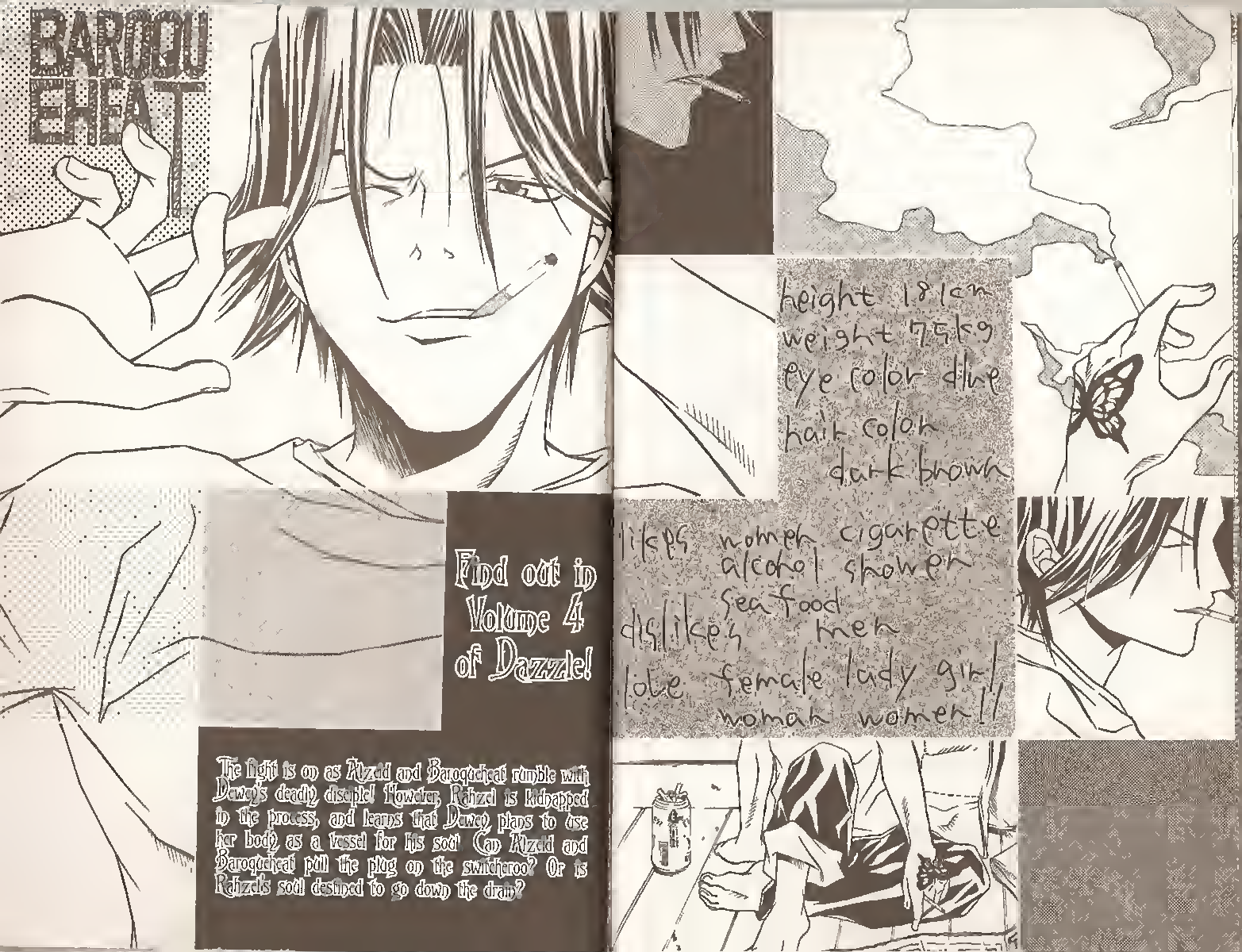
It's Jelice, not Jealous. When he appeared in the magazine for the first time, his name was written incorrectly and he faced denialism of his identity from the beginning. It's good for him. Please don't get hung up on the details of whether he's a Catholic or protestant or Christian. I would appreciate it if you just accept it as a symbol or sign.

Chapter 19: Comical Bad Trip

I, Minari Endoh, am famous because of my footsteps that everyone recognizes me by at the editorial department. My footsteps echo since I wear platform shoes and walk with long strides. In a word, it's noisy. But I can't help it since I only have platform shoes. Carpet the floor if you have complaints! (It's actually already carpeted.) In a typical fashion, I shrugged off my failures by using violent words. But I was mistaken. I did have some low-heel shoes...but the soles are made out of wood. My noise disturbance still continues...

Chapter 20: Downer's Logic

Starting with this chapter, I was joined by another assistant. I have three assistants now. Sadly, I sometimes have to work by myself when the schedules don't match up. But they rescued me from the heavy burden of work. Thank you so much! For your information, I make them call me "Boss" since I get shy when they call me "Sensei." (Not that I think Boss sounds better...) They can call me "group leader," too. What a strange workplace I have!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CHEAT
height 181cm
weight 75kg
eye color blue
hair color
dark brown
likes women cigarette
alcohol shower
seafood
dislikes men
love female lady girl
woman women!!
Find out in
Volume 4
of Dazzle!
The fight is on as Alzaid and Baroquecheat rumble with
Dewey's deadly disciple! However, Rahzel is kidnapped
in the process, and learns that Dewey plans to use
her body as a vessel for his soul. Can Alzaid and
Baroquecheat pull the plug on the switcheroo? Or is
Rahzel's soul destined to go down the drain?